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Throngs Of Mourners Gather In Lisa's Memory

Middle Schoolers Prepared, Calm In Dealing With Tragedy

by Iris Copson
 School Dept. Editor

A bleak Monday morning seemed to coincide with the morose atmosphere that has fallen on the town since the tragic death of 24 year-old Lisa Ziegert was discovered on April 19th.

Over at the Agawam Middle School on Monday, where Lisa taught as a teachers' aide for Special Education, school administrators and staff members, along with Lila Forastiere, a grief counselor at Colonial Funeral Home, were available to offer their support and assistance to students and faculty as they returned from their spring vacation.

Also on hand were Agawam Police Detective Wayne Macey, the former Project DARE officer, as well as Officer Donald Gallerani, the current DARE coordinator.

Teachers voluntarily gathered 30 minutes prior to the start of school to speak with and listen to school psychologist Edward Lynch and the support team. Lynch and Mrs. Forastiere prepared the faculty for answering students' questions during an extended homeroom period. The support team also met with Special Education teachers and aides following the faculty meeting.

Principal Ralph Zavarella told us, "Ed Lynch is coordinating all our efforts for staff and students because of his experience and objectivity (Lynch normally covers the Junior High and Agawam High Schools).

Network Of Support

Lynch stated, "We met with the faculty to set in place a network of support for both faculty and students and to get the logistics ironed out. We went over some of the techniques to use for some of the feelings students might be dealing with.

"We brought in Home/School Adjustment counselors for any individual where the classroom setting wasn't sufficient for them. We will evaluate the status of the youngsters at the end of the day."

Lynch said of primary concern is that the students understand feelings associated with grieving are okay and normal. "We want them to be able to ventilate and work toward a resolution."

Counselors were also available for students at both Agawam High School and Agawam Junior High. According to Middle School Assistant Principal Robert Farrell, some of last year's seventh graders may have had Lisa as one of their teachers.

Lisa's youngest sister will graduate from AHS in June and many family friends may also need to "talk to someone," said Farrell.

Flags Fly At Half-Mast; Townsfolk Pay Memorable Tribute At Services

Hundreds and hundreds of mourners lined-up outside Colonial Funeral Home on Main Street last Wednesday to honor Lisa Ziegert and offer comfort to members of the Ziegert family. Mourners waited as much as 90 minutes in the long line as a cool drizzle fell throughout the afternoon and evening hours of the wake. It was the largest wake ever recalled in this community.

American flags throughout the town continued to fly at half-mast at presstime to honor Lisa's memory.

Colonial Funeral Home was again packed for the 9:00 a.m. service on Thursday, followed by the procession of cars, escorted by Agawam Police, to Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. The beautiful and emotional service on a sparkling April morning paid a memorable tribute to Lisa Ziegert and her family. The Funeral Mass, which included

Springfield Bishop John Marshall, Sacred Heart Pastor Reverend David Joyce, and other members of the local clergy, was viewed by another enormous gathering that filled every pew in the church.

Mourners then slowly walked across the street to Springfield Street Cemetery for the burial service. Many returned to Sacred Heart Parish Center for a reception with members of the Ziegert family in a less formal atmosphere.

The staff of The Advertiser News offers its deep condolences to the Ziegert family and joins in the community's sorrow over Lisa's death.

Police Silence On Releasing Info Vital To Probe

by Officer Wayne Macey
 Agawam Crime Prevention Officer

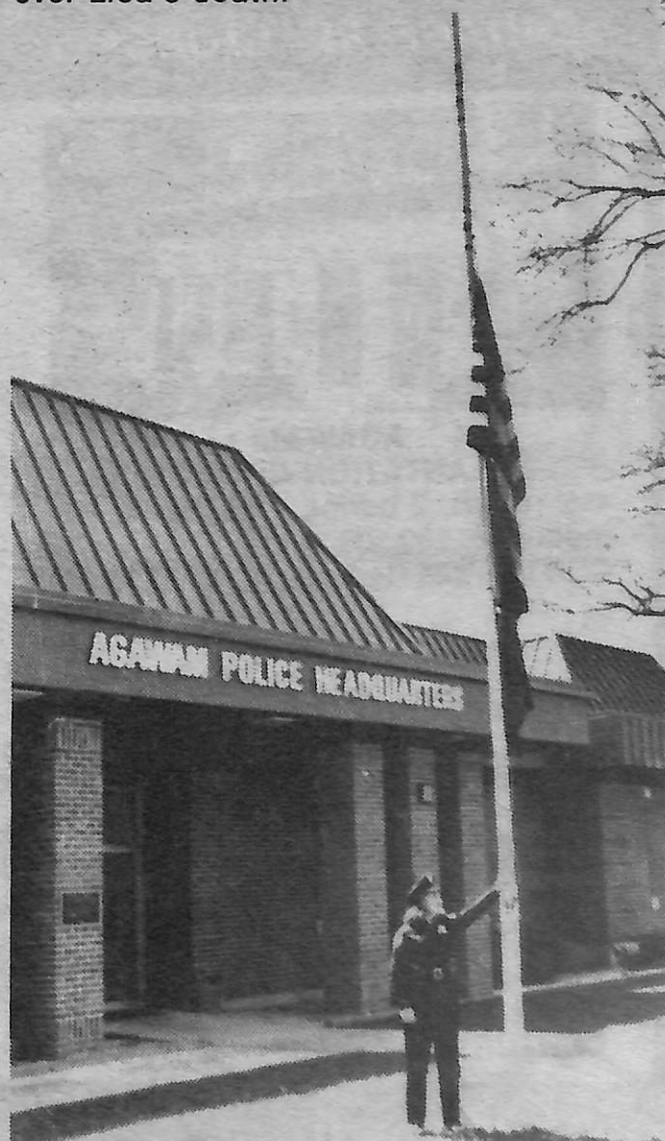
The Lisa Zeigert homicide continues to occupy all of our time and effort. We are working around the clock with a total of 15 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers sharing the load.

The FBI has made available to us all the latest in scientific technology. We are in touch on a day-to-day basis with their headquarters in Washington D.C., relaying all the latest information as we get it. We are again pulling out all the stops. Although fatigue has set in, none of us are ready to go home. Lisa remains on our minds constantly. Her case will remain a priority for as long as it takes.

Rumors A Major Concern

A major concern is the fact that rumors are flying in every direction all over town. It would appear that the less information we give to the media and to the public in general, the more the facts become distorted.

In order to properly facilitate this investigation, it is imperative that facts and details remain confidential. Information is passed along on a need-to-know basis and that is simply basic police procedure.



THE HUGE FLAG AT the Agawam Police Headquarters remains flying at half-mast to honor Lisa Ziegert's memory. The policewoman in the photo is Officer Karen Langevin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - from Page 1...**Plan Of Action**

On Monday morning, the day after Lisa was found, Farrell met with Middle School Guidance Counselor Thomas Dacey and Home/School Adjustment Counselor Richard Cowles. The two-hour meeting reviewed a plan of action for the week during spring vacation. Cowles was designated by Farrell and the superintendent's office as the referral person to contact for anyone who called.

Cowles said he received several calls. "I did get back to everyone who called in."

Cowles noted that because grief is such an individual emotion, "it can be just about anything. Whatever types of reactions parents see are probably normal. They span the full range of sadness and anger to silliness. It is important not to make children feel guilty for expressing it that way."

"Grief work is a long-term process. If parents feel there is any serious problem, it would probably surface six months to a year from now," said Cowles.

Cowles added that the focus he gave teachers the past Monday was to remember "that feelings are neither right or wrong. That's just the way they are."

According to Cowles, as he moved around the Middle School on Monday morning, the reactions and emotions by the students were admirable. "Things went as I hoped rather than as I feared."

The teachers, counselors, and kids handled it very well. There is a lot of feeling of support from everyone in this building."

Contacted Staff Over Vacation

Farrell contacted many staff members over the vacation to inform them of the before-school meeting on Monday morning. He said the assembly to discuss safety awareness scheduled for the same morning had been cancelled because the administration believed that individual class discussions were a better therapy during an expanded homeroom period.

Cowles stated that since the warm weather is arriving, "it is a good time for families to review rules about strangers without alarming the children or relating it to this tragedy."

The support team, students, and faculty were protected in a haven of privacy by school administrators. As Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest supervised activities at the school, he made this clear:

"The right to privacy of each individual should be respected and their grieving should be confidential because it is so personal," he said. "There is still much sadness among students and staff members," added Charest.

"Parents have feelings of inadequacy or insecurity. But from what I've seen, they are handling things very well. The whole town has been very supportive. And that is important," concluded Cowles.

FIRE-WISE by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks **The Handicapped**

Handicapped persons require separate fire safety precautions and plans tailored to their special needs.

Whether at home or at work, the handicapped person creates unique demands and knowledge. The handicapped person, in many cases, presents the same educational and safety demands as children or the elderly.

The Agawam Fire Department suggests that all handicapped persons be registered with the fire department to facilitate the necessary actions or precautions in the event of a fire.

The handicapped person may require extra time to escape, call for help, or even be alerted to a fire or other emergency.

Handicapped persons should contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 to request a representative to help identify their special fire safety needs and to assist them. A specially tailored plan must be developed.

DA Bennett Serving Law Day Breakfast

Hampden County District Attorney William M. Bennett will host his first annual Law Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. at the Oaks, 1070 Suffield Street, Agawam.

As part of the program, an award will be presented on behalf of Bennett and the Hampden County Police Chiefs for "Hampden County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year."

This award has been established to publicly recognize the sacrifices made by local law enforcement officers who serve their communities with honor and dignity on a daily basis.

The feature speaker at the breakfast will be Attorney General Scott Harshbarger.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$15 per person and may be obtained by calling Robert Straw at 783-4690.

POLICE REQUEST - from Page 1...

As stated before, we are proceeding by the numbers and information sensitive to this case will remain confidential. The last thing we need is for this case to be jeopardized for the sake of making it a media event.

What is important is finding Lisa's killer and prosecuting this person to the full extent of the law. What the press wants is of little concern; we simply won't become part of a dog and pony show orchestrated for the entertainment of the viewing audience.

Never A More Troubling Case

In my 20 years on the department, I have never investigated a more troubling case. In addition to our desire to capture and convict the person or persons responsible, it is also of extreme importance that we put to rest the fears and concerns of the Ziegert family, as well as those of the entire community.

It is to these goals that we are dedicated and for these reasons that all of us chose the police profession. We will ultimately measure ourselves against the success or failure in finding Lisa's assailant.

And for that reason, and the memory of Lisa herself, we will be in it for the duration.

Townsfolk turn our pages every week for all the hometown news - AAN!!!



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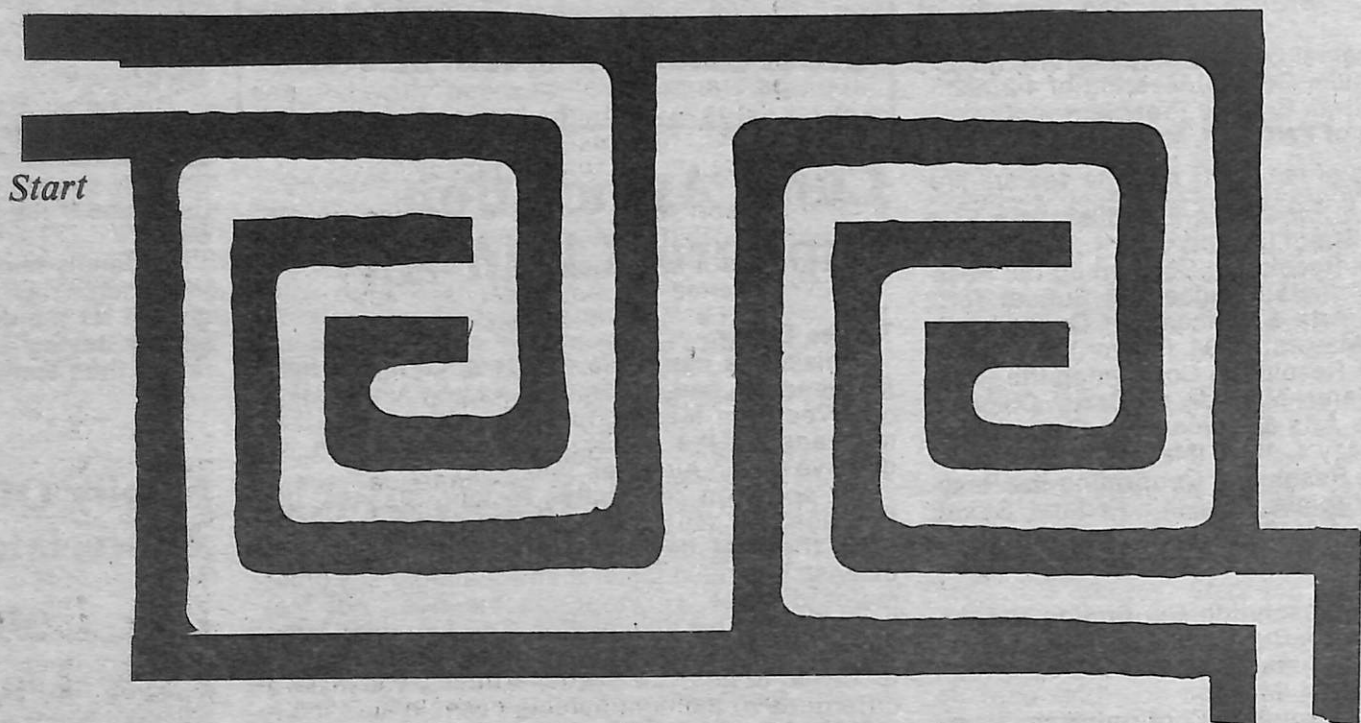
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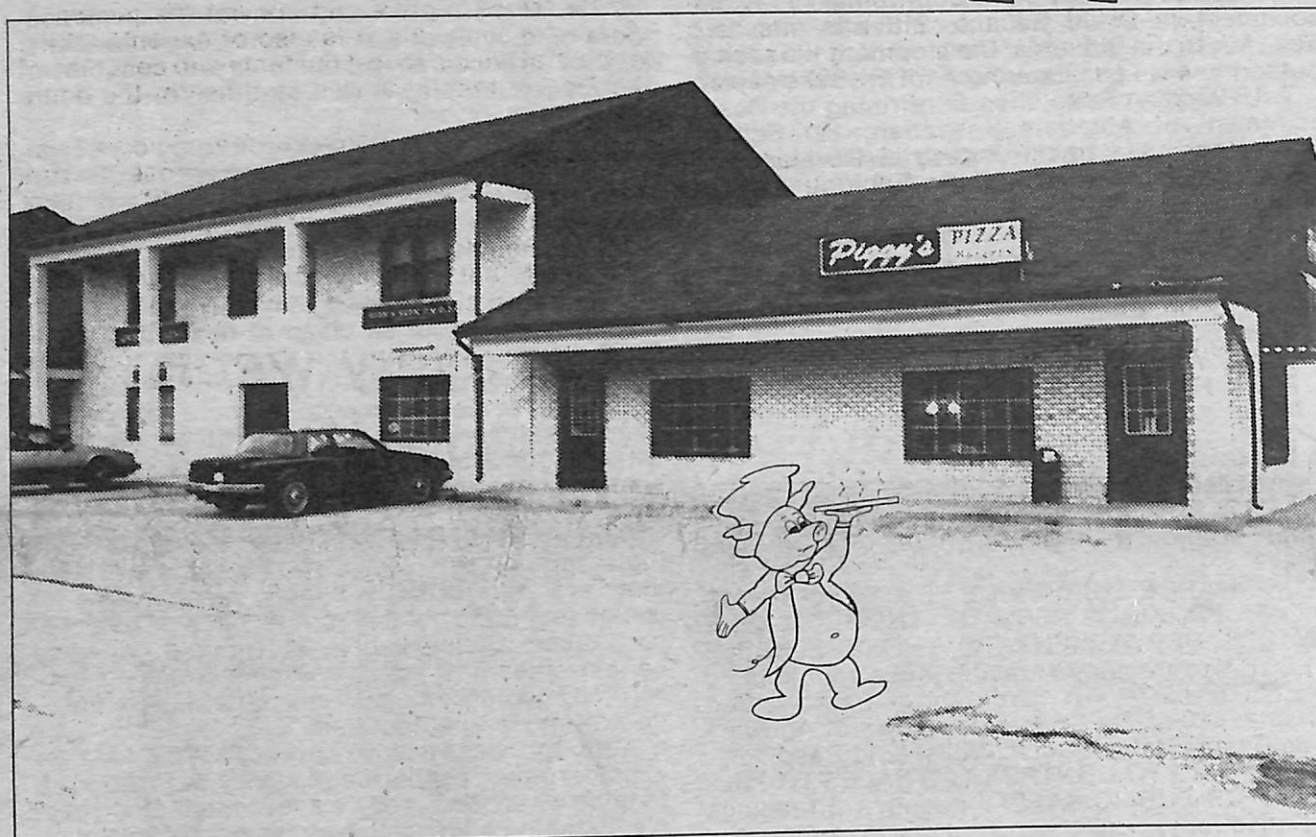
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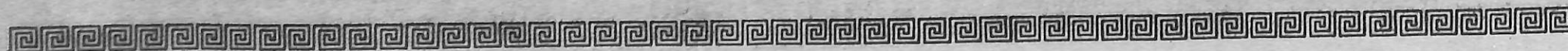
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Council Agenda For May 4th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Special Council Meeting of 4/13/92
Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 4/21/92
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-92-16- A Resolution Establishing a Stop Sign on Albert Street (Mayor).
2. TR-92-17- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Francis Meagher, 34 Sunset Terr., FH, MA to the Arts & Humanities Council to a Term Expiring May 1st, 1994. (Mayor.)
3. TR-92-18- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Karen Minardi, 47 Corey Colonial, Aga., MA to the Arts & Humanities Council to a Term Expiring May 1, 1994. (Mayor).
4. TR-92-19- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Virginia Heyl, 45 Federal Street, Aga., MA to the Arts & Humanities Council to a Term Expiring May 1, 1994 (Mayor).

5. TR-92-20- A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Sandra Dudek, 61 Carmel Lane, FH, MA to the Arts & Humanities Council to a Term Expiring May 1, 1994 (Mayor).

6. TR-92-21- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of David Gallano, 218 Beekman Dr., Aga., MA to the Industrial Development Financing Authority to a Term Expiring April 1, 1997 (Mayor).

7. TR-92-22- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Abraham Kasparian, 161 School Street, Aga., Ma to the Industrial Development Financing Authority to a Term Expiring April 1, 1996 (Mayor).

8. TR-92-23- A Resolution Supporting the Renaming of the Swimming Pool and Adjoining Fields at Robinson Park in Honor of Gerald J. Mason (Coun. Ennis).

7. Elections

None

8. Public Hearings

None

9. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TOR-92-4- An Ordinance Establishing Temporary Handicap Permits (Coun. Russo) (3rd Read.)

ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HANDICAP PARKING PERMITS THROUGH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO THOSE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS (requires 3 readings for adoption).

2. TOR-92-7- An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 118 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Tag/Garage Sales) (Coun. Willis) (2nd Reading).
ORDINANCE TO CONTROL TAG SALES TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (requires 3 readings for adoption).

3. TOR-92-8- An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 120 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Pawnbrokers) (Coun. Willis) (1st Reading as amended) (Charter Object. by Coun. Ennis on 4/21/92).

ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE PROPER CONTROLS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PAWNBROKER LICENSES (requires 3 readings for adoption).

4. TOR-92-9- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 155, Section 155-15 of the Code and the Town of Agawam (Damage to Sidewalks) (Councilor Willis) (Second Reading).

SEE COUNCIL AGENDA - Page 5...

Letters To The Editor

Lung Association Supports Clean Air

To The Editor:

Individuals can make a difference in the fight for clean air, and the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts will send that message to the public May 2nd-8th when we observe Clean Air Week 1992.

Air pollution contributes to lung disease, the third leading cause of death in the United States. Over the last decade the death rate for lung disease has risen faster than for almost any other major disease. However, people need not feel helpless against air pollution. The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts offers the following actions for citizens who want to make a difference in the fight for clean air:

Drive less. Take mass transit, carpool, vanpool, ride a bike, walk or work at home. Approximately 40% of outdoor air pollution is attributable to motor vehicles. May 7th is Clean Air Week's Don't Drive Day.

Practice energy conservation. Energy conservation reduces the demands on power plants and other engines, thus reducing their air pollution output. To help reduce air pollution, maintain vehicle engines so they burn cleanly, insulate your home, set your thermostat lower in winter and higher in summer and recycle your trash.

Keep your indoor air clean at home and work. On the average, Americans spend about 90% of their time indoors, often in homes or offices that are tightly sealed in order to be more energy efficient. Test for radon. Choose home products without aerosols and toxic ingredients. Quit smoking and maintain a smoke-free home and workplace.

Support state and local clean air regulations. Fight for tougher clean air laws and make sure they are enforced. By simply being aware of issues and remembering to vote, citizens can support clean air legislation. Individuals can also become clean air advocates by expressing concern to elected officials and reporting air pollution offenses to authorities.

Although these actions may not appear to make a major impact by themselves, they do make a difference when many people adopt them. Once people try taking a few simple steps in the name of air conservation they realize that their lives are not greatly disrupted. And once a majority of vocal minority see the benefits of working for clean air, those actions have a much better chance of becoming the normal behavior for all our citizens.

Sincerely,
Mario J. Sakellis
Executive Director

American Lung Assoc. of Western Mass.

*Check our classified
pages every week*

Rumor Spreading Causes Family Much Pain

To The Editor:

This letter is to all the Agawam residents (police officers included) who spread the vicious rumors about my brother, Ed Borgatti, I cannot begin to explain the pain and frustration that my family and I have suffered this past week, not only mourning the death of our close friend, Lisa, but having to listen to these ridiculous rumors and allegations.

The numerous threats and phone calls my family had to endure was astounding. We are very disappointed in the people of this town, especially our friends and family who were "afraid" to call us to see if the rumor was true before passing it on.

My family and I are very hurt and disheartened that such a nasty rumor even started. **Perhaps we should let the detectives do their job and spend energy saying a prayer for Lisa and her family rather than spreading a rumor...**

Shelley M. Borgatti
Feeding Hills

Family Of Diana Sands Appreciates Memorial Tribute

To The Editor:

We are deeply honored with the lovely tribute that you did for Diana Sands. The pictures expressed some of her happiest moments...God love the "Pink Birds" and the sentiments of the writings were true of everyone who knew her.

In life, Diana always felt there must be more she could do for her "children" to make learning enjoyable so that they would want to come to school and be the best that they could be.

Shortly before she died, Diana expressed to us her only regret, and that was that she hadn't had enough time to make a difference in the world. We know she did, at least in a small corner, and that's how it starts.

Look around, it's already caught on, for there's a lot of wonderful people ready to help you, too... and you don't even have to ask.

In Friendship and Peace,
The Sands Family
Bob, Noreen, and Melanie
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday, May 1st

First Friday Series presents
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Monday, May 4th

Ziti and meatball supper
Sponsored by Community Grange No. 382
of Feeding Hills, at Grange Hall
Continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Call 786-1409 or 786-0821 for reservations

Wednesday, May 6th

MOCA meeting (open to public)
Community Room, Ag. Police Dept.
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12th

Bambi School's 25th Annual Open House
22 Vernon Street, Agawam
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COUNCIL AGENDA - from Page 4...

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PROTECT THE TOWN FROM COSTLY REPAIRS (requires 3 readings for adoption).

5. TOR-92-10-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 72 of the Agawam Town Code (Councilor Willis) (2nd Reading).

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CONTROL DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND UNDERAGE DRINKING OF NON-LIQUOR LICENSED PREMISES (required 3 readings for adoption).

6. TOR-92-11- An Ordinance to amend Ch. 114, Sec. 114-8 entitled "Number of Licenses Restricted" of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Coun. Bitzas) (1st Reading).

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO REDUCE NUMBER OF CLASS 2 DEALER LICENSES THROUGH ATTRITION FROM 35 TO 30 (requires 3 readings for adoption)

7. TO-92-17- Renewal of Junk Dealer License: Block Jewelers.

8. TO-92-18- Renewal of Junk Dealer License: John Rosati.

9. TO-92-19- Voucher List (\$25). FOR REPAIR OF AUDIO TAPE.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., Agawam, THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. NAZZARO IARUSSO who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B-2 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow for the construction of an addition at the premises identified as 1380 MAIN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Agawam Weekly Police Blotter

On April 19th, William F. Theriot, 49 Cooley Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Auxiliary officers John Kunasek and Robert Burke.

On April 20th, Steven S. Beddow, 7 Upper Church Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle after suspension. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska, Steve Grasso, and Joe Edwards.

On April 20th, Mark E. St. Peter, 5 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with an outstanding State Police warrant. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Steve Grasso.

On April 21st, Jeffrey A. Swales, 43 Walden Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension, unregistered, uninsured, and no inspection sticker. Arresting officers were Detective Sergeant Grady and Robert Marsh.

On April 21st, Jason Diaz, 245 Tyler Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting and assault & battery. Arresting officers were Gerald O'Keefe and Alan Collins.

On April 21st, Michael Fornl, 69 Oak Knoll, Hampden, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Mark Poggi.

On April 21st, Carlo Romeo, 222 Corey Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon Jr. and Richard Light Jr.

On April 21st, David A. Smith, 150 Pleasant Street, Enfield, CT, was arrested and charged with assault & battery on a police officer, an outstanding East Longmeadow Police Department warrant, and other motor vehicle charges. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti, Richard Conlon Jr., and Edward Connor.

On April 22nd, Robert Porter, 22 Orchard Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with several outstanding warrants. Arresting officers

were Edward Connor and Richard Niles.

On April 23rd, Richard Mazza, 64 Line Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery on a police officer and assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

On April 23rd, Luis Maldonado, 878 Worthington Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Ben Moore.

On April 24th, Lisa M. Giguere, 27 Emerald Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Richard Light Jr., and Steve Grasso.

On April 24th, Edward Depot, 27 Emerald Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Richard Light Jr., and Steve Grasso.

On April 24th, Jay Gonzalez, 69 Renee Circle, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating without a license. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Jim Lewis.

On April 24th, Brian K. Mallett, 101 High Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon and assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Richard Light Jr., and Steve Grasso.

On April 25th, Christopher Dunphy, 140 Birch Park Circle, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Chicopee Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Ceccarini, Keith Bopko, and Paul Murphy.

On April 25th, Donna L. Chiaro, 49 Cooley Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Ceccarini, Keith Bopko, and Paul Murphy.

On April 25th, Robert Shlosser, 22 Wachusettes Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Jim Lewis and Steve Grasso.

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Melconian Kicks-Off Senate Campaign



AGAWAM RESIDENTS Dr. Katherine and Dr. Joseph Schlaffer are greeted by State Senator Linda J. Melconian at her campaign kick-off last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STATE SENATOR LINDA J. MELCONIAN (center) is joined at her campaign kick-off at Chez Josef by supporters, from left - Rosemarie Cudworth, Mary Leahy, Tom Leahy, and Kathy Newman. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SUPPORT FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS: Former longtime Town Councilor Fred Nardi (left), Town Council President Joanne Willis, and Town Councilor Edward Caba all turned out to support Senator Linda Melconian when she kicked-off her reelection campaign last week at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Agawam Obituary

Alexander J. Stahovich

Alexander J. Stahovich, 72, of 62 Annabel Street, Feeding Hills, a retired machinist, died at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

He worked first at the former Springfield plant of Westinghouse Corp., and retired after working for 21 years at Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corp. in Windsor Locks, CT.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of the former Technical High School. He moved to Feeding Hills in 1953, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He was a member of the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Club and the Hamilton Standard Retirees Club.

His wife, the former Alice M. Cosman, died last year.

He leaves a son, Alexander Jr. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Priscilla Brown and Kathleen Stahovich of Agawam; three brothers, Nicholas of Springfield's Indian Orchard section, John of Springfield, and Michael of Dennis; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, 640 West 168th St., New York, N.Y., 10032.

Residents Out To Support Senator Melconian



RESIDENTS WHO WERE part of a large crowd supporting the kick-off of State Senator Linda Melconian's reelection campaign included, from left - William T. Walsh, Senator Melconian, Mark Maczka, and Chet & Virginia Gruska. **RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Westfield Savings Bank Continues Profitable Growth In 1st Quarter

Westfield Savings Bank held its first quarter 1992 Board of Trustees meeting on April 21st. President Donald A. Williams reported that the bank experienced a profitable first quarter with net income of \$584,865.

Williams noted that, "We are seeing strong consumer confidence in Westfield Savings Bank. As a result, we are setting new bank highs for funds on deposit and bank assets."

Bank deposits grew by \$3,204,252 in the first quarter, while assets increased \$6,395,805. Deposits now total \$340,729,548, and assets \$379,108,665.

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VERA L. CARISTO receives a 50th Anniversary Commemorative Citation in honor of her deceased husband, **Daniel S. Caristo**, an Agawam resident who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941 as a member of the US Navy. Presenting the citation were Veterans Council member **Thomas Acquaro** (left) and Town Councilor **Louis Russo**. Advertiser

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AGAWAM PEARL HARBOR ATTACK VETERAN **Thomas P. Gilbert** (center) shows-off his 50th Anniversary Commemorative Citation presented by the Agawam Veterans Council to honor the 50th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. From left - Town Councilor **Louis Russo**, Mr. Gilbert, Veterans Council member **Thomas Acquaro**, and Town Councilor **Thomas Ennis**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Vets Council Honors Pearl Harbor Attack Veterans

Earlier this month, members of the Agawam Town Council and Agawam Veterans Council presented 50th Anniversary Commemorative Citations to Pearl Harbor Attack Veterans **Thomas P. Gilbert** and to Mrs. **Daniel S. Caristo**, who received the honor on behalf of her deceased husband.

Both Agawam veterans were serving aboard U.S. Navy ships stationed at Pearl Harbor during the morning of the attack. Gilbert vividly recalls being strafed by a Japanese fighter as he ran along the pier trying to get back to his ship.

And later, as part of a rescue party, a fighter strafed him when he was pulling dead and wounded American sailors out of the burning, oil-slicked water of the harbor.

Mr. Caristo and Mr. Gilbert served this country with honor and distinction and truly deserve our respect and gratitude, said **Thomas J. Acquaro**, a member of the Veterans Council.

Jr. Women's Club Hails Volunteer Act

The Agawam Junior Women's Club urges your support of the Volunteer Protection Act. The purpose of this legislation is to protect America's volunteers from liability.

This act would encourage states to limit a volunteer's personal liability while protecting an injured party's right to recover damages. The legislation is needed because existing state laws covering volunteer liability often do not cover all volunteers.

The legislation promotes balanced and consistent volunteer liability laws through a modest increase in block grant funding for states that adopt this model law.

As the world's oldest and largest women's volunteer organization, GFWC (of which the Agawam club is a member) has long supported this legislation. Its passage will encourage more Americans to volunteer in their local communities and provide protection to those currently involved in volunteer service.

Please join the Junior Women's Club in support of this legislation by writing Representative **John Olver** or Senator **Edward Kennedy** and urging their support.

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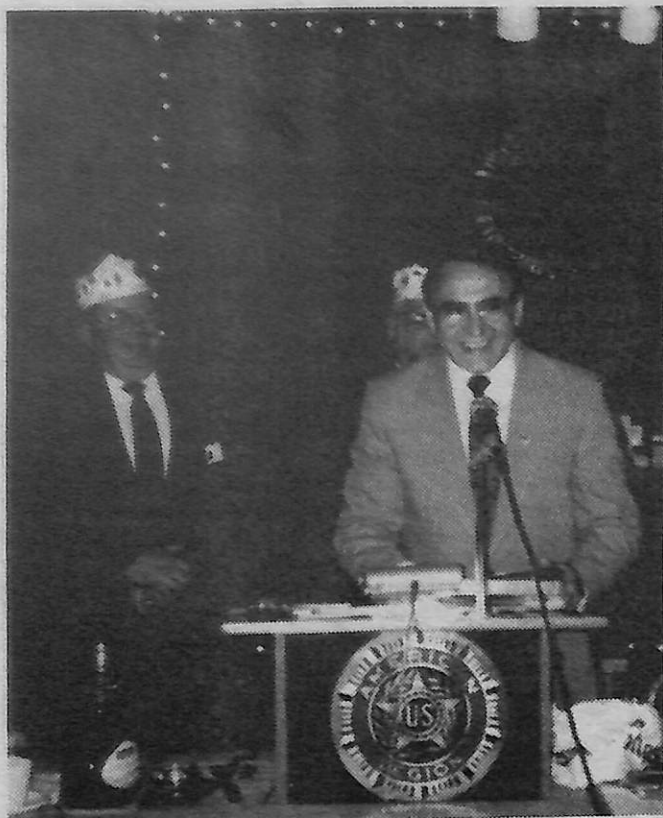


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IN PHOTO LEFT, Agawam Town Councilor George Bitzas addresses the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion after receiving the 1992 "Outstanding Foreign Born Citizen Award." IN PHOTO RIGHT, Bitzas receives the award from Henry F. Decoteau, vice-chairman of Mass. American Legion; and Joseph Clemens (center), commander of Mass. American Legion.

Rosalie Dialessi On State Women's Board

Rosalie Dialessi, President of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts (GFWCM) for the 1992-94 administration.

She is the Chairman of the GFWC Junior Special Project—Children at Risk: Child Abuse for the State of Massachusetts.

In support of this project, all member clubs of the GFWC will concentrate on providing both an advocacy and a supporting role in assisting these children.

As a member of the GFWC, the Agawam Junior Women's Club will participate in this effort.

Mass. American Legion Designates Agawam's George Bitzas As Outstanding Citizen

On Sunday, April 26th, the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion awarded the 1992 Outstanding Foreign born Citizen Award to George Bitzas of Agawam.

Bitzas was born in Greece and immigrated to this country 24 years ago. He is currently serving his second term as an Agawam City Councilor.

The award was presented at the Annual Awards Banquet which was held at the Chester P. Tuttle Post No. 279 in Auburn, Massachusetts. Presenting the award were Department Commander of the Massachusetts American Legion, Joseph Clemens, along the Department Vice Commander, Henry F. Decoteau, who is also the Chairman of the Americanism Committee.

Bitzas was cited (among other things) for his work on the Agawam City Council, in which he sponsored a resolution supporting the Soldier's Home, and also organized a bus trip with state and local officials to Boston in protest of its proposed closing.

He also sponsored a resolution supporting a constitutional amendment prohibiting the desecration of our flag.

This award is given to one individual every year by the American Legion. The recipient is chosen from a statewide group of foreign born nominees who have demonstrated their Americanism to their adopted country.

HELP CLARK SCHOOL: Agawam McDonald's is donating some of its proceeds from sales from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. this Saturday, May 2nd to help erect a new sign for James Clark School. People from all over town are invited to attend to support this event.

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Laura Cincotta Grange's Top Citizen



LAURA CINCOTTA OF Feeding Hills (center) was recently named the recipient of the Annual "Community Citizen Award" from the Community Grange for her outstanding service as a local farmer. Pauline Provost and Joan Comee presented the award at the Grange Hall in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DURING THE RECENTLY OBSERVED "Grange Week," Roberta Cesan (second from left) was honored for 55 years of Grange membership, and Alexander Sosnowich (second from right) was awarded for his 25-year membership. Pictured with them are Pauline Provost (far left) and Joan Comee (far right), the State Grange Deputy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Women's Club Holds Annual Banquet

The annual meeting and banquet of the Agawam Women's Club was held at the Casa Di Lisa Ristorante on April 28th.

Following the dinner, the annual reports were given, and the newly elected officers were installed by Mrs. Jeanne Webster.

The 1992-93 slate of officers is as follows:

Miss Jean Goss, President; Mrs. Irene Pigeon, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Brenda Curran, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Joanne Willis, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Bernice Nowill, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Kathy Newman, Treasurer; and Mrs. Pauline Woodruff, Assistant Treasurer.

Directors for 1992-93 are Mrs. Marjorie Greenough, Mrs. Barbara Wright, and Mrs. Phyllis Catchepaugh; Trustees of the scholarship fund are Mrs. Doris Kistner and Mrs. Phyllis Damon; and the Counselor to the Junior Women's Club is Mrs. Mary Leahy.

The Agawam Women's Club will begin its 67th year in September with meetings held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Captain Charles Leonard House. The club is a member of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

The purpose of the club is mutual helpfulness, the advancement of public welfare, and the promotion of the civic and cultural interests.

New members are most welcome and participation encouraged.

Babysitting Course At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library, in conjunction with the police, fire and health departments, will offer a four-week Babysitting Course on Wednesdays, beginning May 6th, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The program is open to Agawam and Feeding Hills boys and girls aged 10 and over and will feature safety tactics as well as a variety of ideas to interest infants and preschoolers.

Weekly speakers will include Police Safety Officer Al Longhi, Fire Department Drill Inspector Jimmy Brown, Middle School Nurse Hilda Bartnik, and members of the library staff.

Participants who attend all four sessions will receive certificates at the final meeting.

WMass Disabled At May Meeting

The Disabled of Western Massachusetts, Inc., will hold its May meeting on May 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post 1632, 194 South Street, Agawam.

We will have our nominating committee report and will also have nominations from the floor.

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Christina T. Walsh Weds Kevin Van Dyk

Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa, was the setting on March 14th for the marriage of Christina Therese Walsh and John Kevin Van Dyk.

Parents of the bride are The Honorable and Mrs. William T. Walsh of Maple Street, Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Van Dyk of Sioux Center, Iowa.

Barbara Walsh of San Diego, California attended her sister as maid of honor. Sam Gesch of Sioux Center served as best man to the bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry. She is presently employed as a production assistant at NOBL Laboratories, Sioux Center.

The groom is a graduate of Unity Christian High School in Orange City, Iowa and is currently completing studies at Dordt College in Sioux Center, where he will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology.

In September, he will begin graduate studies at Iowa State University, where he has accepted a research assistantship in the Biology Department.



MR. & MRS. BRUCE TYLER, JR.

Lynnette A. Mogan Bride Of Mr. Tyler

On Saturday, April 18th, Beulah Baptist Church in Chicopee was the site of the 4:00 p.m. wedding of Lynnette Ann Mogan of 21 Carmel Lane, Feeding Hills, and Bruce Allen Tyler, Jr., of 41 Crystal Avenue, Springfield.

The bride is the daughter of Carolyn and Donald Mogan of 21 Carmel Lane, Feeding Hills. The parents of the groom are Bruce and Lois A. Tyler, Sr., of 50 Berwick Road, Longmeadow.

Performing the ceremony at Beulah Baptist Church was Pastor John D. Brownlee. Mrs. Jennifer LaCosta was the matron of honor, and John E. Tyler served his brother as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Western News England College, and is currently employed as the head of the computer department at A.W. Hastings & Co., Inc.

The groom attended Longmeadow High School and is a self-employed contractor.



MR. & MRS. GEORGE FEDORA

Fedoras Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Mary and George Fedora of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 8th.

The couple was treated to a surprise anniversary luncheon on Sunday, April 12th, at Chateau Provost in Chicopee given by their daughter, Kelly, and Ann McManus, Mary's sister. Fifty friends, relatives, and neighbors attended the successful surprise party.

The couple was married 25 years ago at Holy Trinity Church in Westfield.


George works for Sunshine Biscuit Co. The former Mary McManus is employed by the Waldbaum's Food Mart chain.

Mended Hearts Group To Meet May 6th

The Mended Hearts, Inc., Chapter No. 37 of Greater Springfield, will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, May 6th, at the Elks Lodge No. 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield, at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone who is anticipating cardiac surgery or has undergone cardiac surgery, is welcome to attend this support group's meeting with family or friends.







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HERITAGE HALL EAST RESIDENTS Evelyn Setterstrom (left) and Rose Dymerski share a laugh at a recent Birthday Recognition Celebration held each month. Evelyn is 79 and Rose is 99. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EMMAGENE O. BEST

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK

Emmagene O. Best

Emmagene O. Best was born on a farm in West Haven, Vermont, on December 4th, 1901. She has one sister, Mrs. Ethel Haven, and two nieces, Mrs. Alice Bergeron of Feeding Hills, and Miss Nancy Best of Killington, Vermont.

She was educated in a one-room rural school in West Haven. Due to poor health, she was unable to attend high school, but studied music at home.

She married Hayward Best in December 1923. They bought her home farm in West Haven.

She was a member of the Baptist churches in West Haven and Rutland, Vermont; West Haven Grange and Deermont Grange in Rutland; the Vermont State Grange and the National Grange; the West Haven Ladies Aid Society; and the Rebekah Lodge of Rutland.

She was active in all of these organizations, holding positions of leadership at various times.

She has fond memories of the sliding, skating, and box social parties that were held during the winter months for entertainment. In the summer, everyone was busy doing farm work.

On January 1st, 1950, her husband died suddenly at their home. At that point, she sold her farm and went to work at the Rutland Hospital in Rutland, Vermont.

After retiring, she had an apartment at "Temple Wood Court," a senior citizen development. She lived there until she came to Heritage Hall on March 15th, 1991.

She has enjoyed her stay here very much.



MRS. MAJOR ROBERT DRIES coordinated a Heritage Hall Campus visit by the Salvation Army Brass Band and Tambourine Ensemble recently. Friendship, music, and gifts were given to each resident.

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Ag. Congregational Lists Upcoming Events

Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces its listing of upcoming activities, events, and other important dates to remember:

The church's Wednesday Night Service continues at 7:30 p.m., with the R.E.L.A.T.E. series following at 8:00 p.m.

Family Night for May is scheduled for Friday, May 15th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Member Judy Lefebvre will demonstrate the basics of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and special "summertime" first-aid.

There will be a potluck dessert followed by the session on first-aid. Childcare will be available, provided by the Jr. High Youth Group. For more information or to register, call Sue Tapply, 786-1430.

On Saturday, May 16th, there will be a car wash sponsored by the Agawam Congregational Church. This is a fundraiser for its Jr. High Youth Group.

A Talent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 31st, following the Worship Service at the church. Come and bid on the volunteers' talents or services that they have to offer. This will benefit the church's Sr. High youths who are going to Wisconsin in June, as well as other upcoming youth events.

The Agawam Congregational Church's second annual Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, June 13th. Polish your clubs and practice your swing!

The 18-hole tournament will be held at St. Anne's Golf Course. The fee is \$25, and all men, women, juniors, and seniors are encouraged to participate.

The tournament will begin at 10:00 a.m. Prizes will be awarded and proceeds will benefit the church's Family Outreach Ministries.

For tee times, contact Charlie McCobb, 786-8195, or the church office, 786-7111. Patrons and sponsors are needed for the tournament booklet—\$5 for patron ad, \$15 for company ad, and \$50 for tee or green sponsor.

Beginning in May, the church will be conducting sexuality sessions: "Our Sexuality, God's Good Gift and Created by God" for fifth and sixth graders and junior high students, as well as a joint session for parents and students.

These Wednesday night sessions will begin on May 6th at 7:00 p.m. for the fifth and sixth graders, and at 7:30 p.m. for the junior high students. A final joint session with the parents and students will be held on Sunday May 31st, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information on these sessions, call the Agawam Congregational Church at 786-7111.

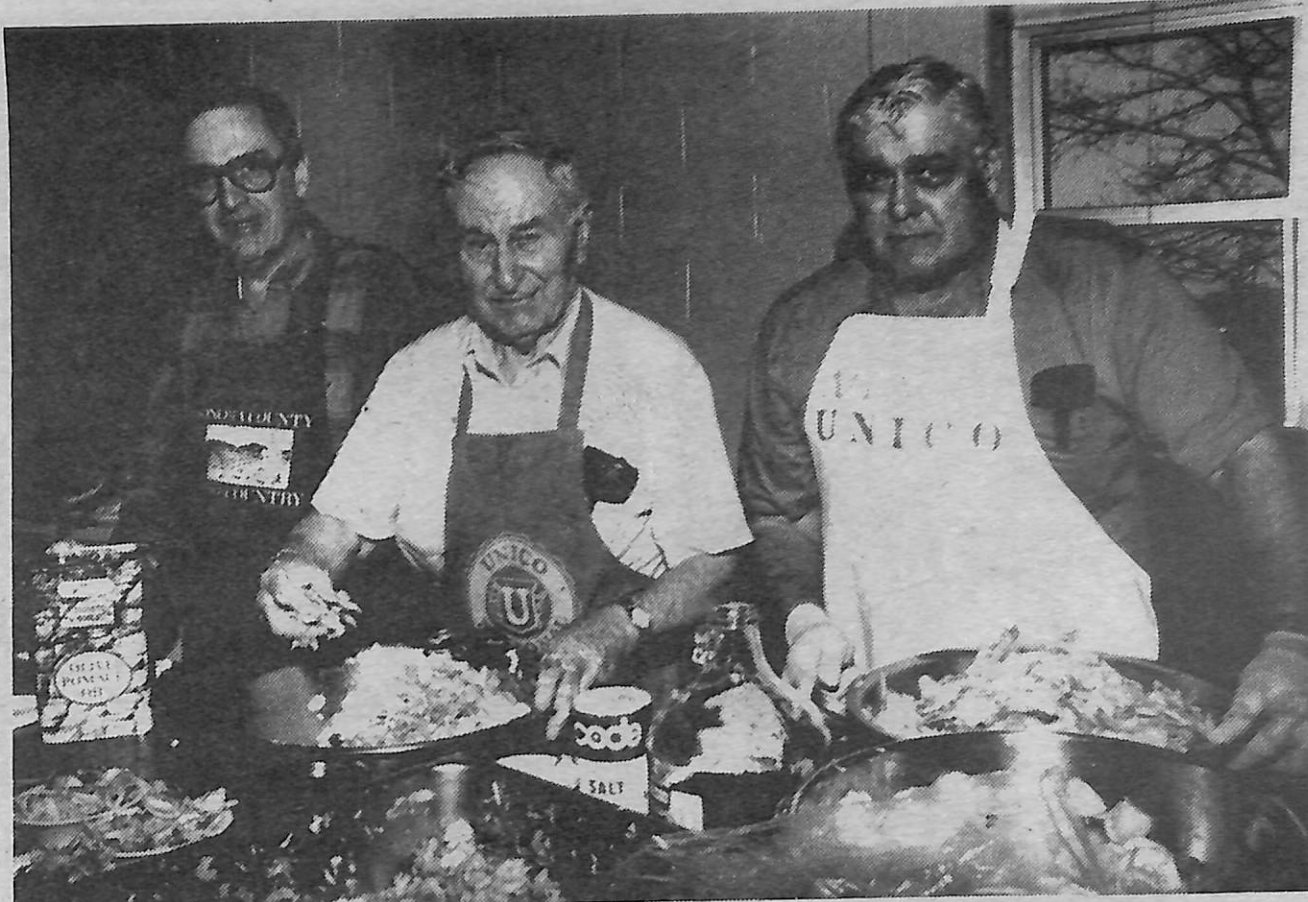
Pattons Announce Baptism Of Daughter

Randall and Barbara Patton of Chicopee announce the baptism of their daughter, Nicole Shannon Patton, on April 5th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield by Father Richard Scioli.

The baby's godmother is her aunt, Charlene Cebula of Chicopee; her godfather is her uncle, Steven Patton of Warren, Rhode Island.

A baptismal reception was held at the American Legion Post No. 337 in Chicopee. Guests were present from the local area and Connecticut, Rhode Island, and the Boston area.

UNICO'S Macaroni Supper Again Red Hot!



AGAWAM UNICO held its Annual Macaroni Supper recently and heading up the salad detail at the event, held at Agawam High School, were Terry Letellier, Al Malone, and Lou Draghetti. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE BRIZZOLARI GALS were part of the huge crowd who attended the Annual Agawam UNICO Macaroni Dinner at Agawam High School. From left - Barbara, Barbara (mom), and Sabrina. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

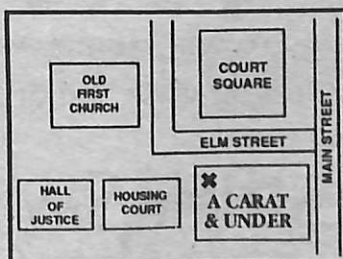
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AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS, from left - Ed Borgatti, Ed Disco, and Joe Ferrari are up to their elbows in macaroni at the club's Annual Macaroni Supper at Agawam High School. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE KRACH KIDS, Mitchell (left) and William, stuff their faces with macaroni and meatballs made by Agawam UNICO. Keeping a close eye on these two is Francesca Frigo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Speaking From The Bible...

"Ask A Child"

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I love to listen to children talk with each other and with adults. They are so honest about everything. They see things in clear black and white, right or wrong.

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In fact, a child is happy and excited to believe in a God that will love and care for them for all of their life and eternity. A child has tremendous faith in God.

If you don't believe it, try picking a flower and asking a little boy or girl where it came from. He or she will tell you that it came from God.

It is no coincidence that the Lord Jesus Christ tells us we need to come to him with childlike faith. Jesus loved to have children around him.

In fact, when His disciples were trying to keep children from disturbing Him, Jesus told them to let them come to Him.

This is what the Lord wants from you. He wants you to believe as a child would that Jesus Christ died for your sins, and can have a personal relationship with you that will give you joy, peace, and fulfillment for the rest of your life.

What a joy it would be for you to admit that you can't do it alone, admit that you need a Saviour, rid yourself of pride, and confess to God that you need the Lord Jesus Christ in your life. You would open the door to the best life available, a life of following Jesus Christ.

If that seems tough to do, find a little boy or girl and ask them who made the sky blue. See how easy it is for them to tell you that God made it blue.

All you need is the faith of a child.

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One Day Myster Trip: October 14th.

A \$25 deposit will hold a reservation. For more information, call Helen Blanchard at 786-9859 or Nellie Mathias at 786-9093.

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Agawam Senior Center News & Activities

Wednesday, May 13th, will be the last visit of the "Community Eye Care" mobile unit at the Agawam Senior Center. The Center is deeply grateful for the "free" service they have provided for its patrons during the past four years.

If you need an exam, it is urged that you take advantage of Community Eye Care's last visit at the Agawam Senior Center. Call 786-0400, extension 242, for an appointment.

If you missed all the fun of the Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 17th, here are the winners of the hunt: 1st prize, Rosemary Klundt; 2nd prize, Sam Provo; 3rd prize, Priscilla Magagnoli; and the winners of the egg color contest were William Saunders and Alfred Morris.

Thanks to all of the above for reminding us that it sure is fun remembering. A special thanks to the volunteers who did a great job coloring the eggs; also, another special thanks to Nellie Mathais, who donated all the prizes.

On Sunday, May 17th, at the Hu Ke Lau restaurant in Chicopee, a special event is planned - "It's A Mystery" show/luncheon, with fashions, door prizes, and a raffle (which includes trips to Atlantic City and more).

Sponsored by "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center, this trip to the Hu Ke Lau is open to all ages. The mystery bus ride is \$17.50, \$12 without transportation, and \$14 at the door (the best bargain is to take advantage of the bus ride).

This special event is a DMC production. Call 786-0400, extension 242, for more information. Tickets are available through all "Friends" board members and at the Senior Center ticket booth (daily from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).

Again, this trip and show is open to the general public.

There is still time to register for the Massachusetts Senior Games, which will be held June 25th thru 27th. Registration forms are available at the Senior Center, and the registration time has been extended to May 22nd.

The competition is open to men and women 55 years and over. Team sports include volleyball and basketball; individual sports include bowling (10 pin), field events, golf, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track events, and race walk.

Registration fee is \$15 before May 8th; final registration to May 22nd is \$20. Participants may enter an unlimited number of events under one registration fee.

For more information, call 786-0400, extension, 242, and ask for the activities director.

The Brunswick Airway Lanes and the activities department of the Senior Center are planning an all "free" day at the Airway Lanes. This special day will be open to men and women, 55 years and over, and will take place in June.

Get that bowling ball out of the mothballs and start warming up ... you won't want to miss this special day! More about this event will be announced at a later date.

If we got your attention (we are talking 10 pin bowling, folks!), please give us a call at 786-0400, extension 242, and ask for Sandra.

FH Congregational Kids Help Open Pantry



THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and Sunday School at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church raised money for the Open Pantry of West Springfield during the Lenten Season. A check for \$150 was presented to the Open Pantry's Margaret Dietsche by Betty Kopy, Sunday School Superintendent. Children in photo also receiving a tour of the Open Pantry facility are Richard Rosanski (younger), Rachel Curry, Jessica Curry, Victoria Urrea, and Shelly Rose; Amanda Rosanski, Carol Rosenberg, Mark Urrea; Lisa Rosenberg; Debbie Curry, George Kopy, and Fred Rosenberg.

FH Congregational To Host Meeting Of Conference Of Christ

The Feeding Hills Congregational Church will be hosting the 142nd Annual Meeting of the Congregations of the Hampden Association, Massachusetts Conference of Christ. The meeting will take place on Sunday, May 3rd, at 2:30 p.m.

Also on May 3rd, the 21-Plus Club will be attending the Shrine Circus. All participants are invited to share a "brown bag lunch" after worship service (before leaving for the circus).

The Sunday School observed Earth Day with its second "Mug Day." Following worship, the Christian Education Board cooked up a spaghetti lunch, after which each person decorated a personal, reusable mug. These mugs will be used for refreshments/fellowship at the church, rather than disposable cups.

Church worship and Sunday School is held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Nursery care is available and the church is accessible to the handicapped. All are cordially invited to attend services. For more information, contact the church at 786-5061.

Family Spring Break Program Planned For Laughing Brook

Put away that rake, take off your gardening gloves ... those windows can wait!

Take a break from spring cleaning to enjoy the return of birds, flowers and warm weather with a full day of fun in the sun by attending Laughing Brook's "SPRING BREAK FOR FAMILIES" on Saturday, May 9th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate spring by taking part in animal interviews with our wildlife residents; games and relay races designed for fun and learning; a puppet show featuring Burgess characters; storytelling and swamp walks scheduled throughout the day at Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden, MA.

Families can follow the clues in our special Green Meadow Scavenger Hunt to find Thornton W. Burgess characters, such as Reddy Fox, Blacky the Crow, and Longlegs the Heron, located throughout the sanctuary. The hunt will take place all day long. If you solve the puzzle, you win a prize!

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be on sale, so plan to make a day of it. Admission for the event is \$3 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$4 for non-members. For further information, call Laughing Brook at (413) 566-8034.

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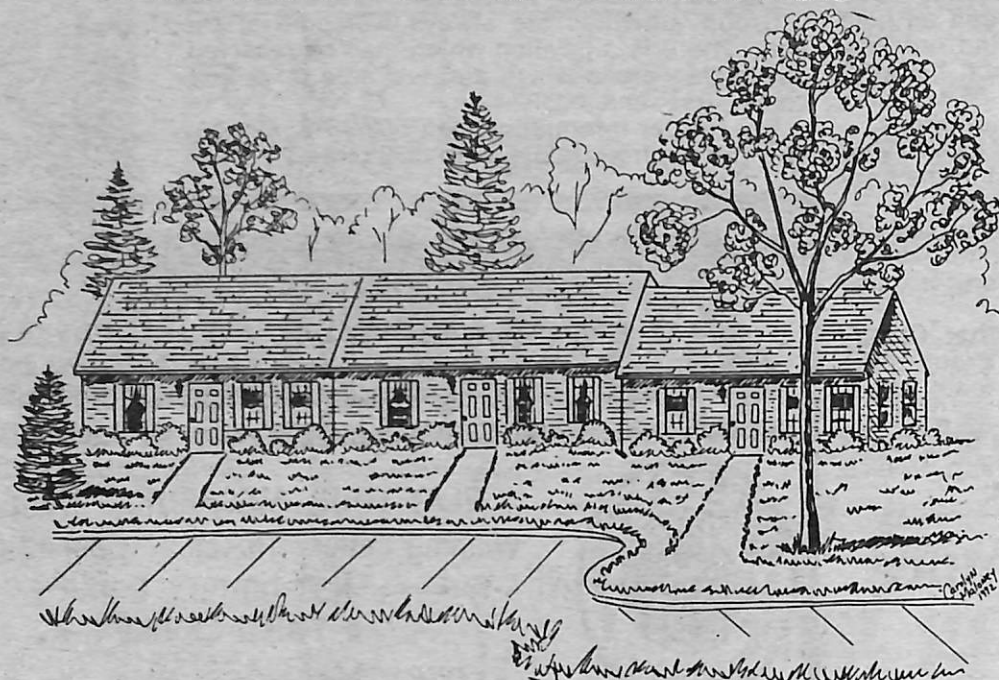


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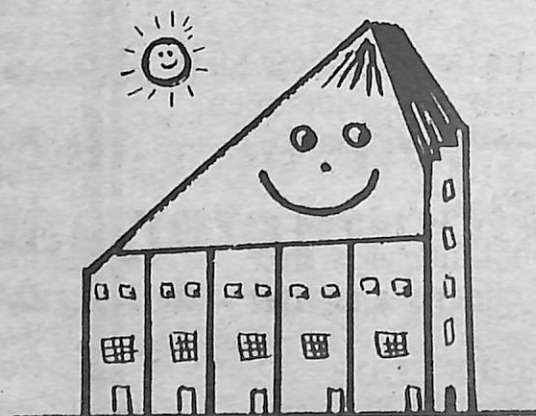


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Laughing Brook Has Sundays For Families

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, MA, is continuing its series of "Sunday Afternoons on the Sanctuary" each Sunday in May at 2:00 p.m.

These hour-long family programs provide an introduction to an area of natural history and are included in the price of sanctuary admission. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and children under 16, and free for children under three and Massachusetts Audubon members.

Laughing Brook is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The wildlife exhibit area is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

* May 3rd - **Hawks:** As migrating hawks return to our area, learn about the natural history and legends surrounding these majestic birds.

* May 10th - **Wildflower Walk:** Spend an hour looking at spring wildflowers and find out how they earned names such as bloodroot, bellwort, and dutchman's breeches. In honor of Mother's Day, all mothers receive free admission today.

* May 17th - **Thornton W. Burgess Story Hour:** Enjoy an hour of Burgess stories told in the cozy atmosphere of the author's former home.

* May 24th - **Animals Nobody Loves:** Learn to look at snakes, spiders, and snapping turtles in a new light, and develop an appreciation for these often misunderstood animals.

* May 31st - **Lady Bugs and Other Creepy Crawlies:** Insects make up the largest group of the animal world. Here's a chance to learn about some of the more common varieties.

For further information on "Sunday Afternoons on the Sanctuary" or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call (413) 566-8034.

Luginbuhls Announce Birth Of Son

Mr. and Mrs. Craig M. Luginbuhl of 399 Springfield Street, Agawam, wish to announce the birth of a son, Michael Craig.

He was born on April 27th at 8:06 a.m. at Wesson Women's Hospital. He weighed nine pounds, 14 ounces, and measured 22½ inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Puza of Parker Avenue, Westfield. The paternal grandparents are Mrs. Charles E. Luginbuhl of 52 Campbell Drive, Agawam, and the late Mr. Luginbuhl.

Michael will join his sister Amy Cynthia and brother Scott Charles at home this week.

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Stanley Park To Open On Mother's Day

Mother's Day (Sunday, May 10th) is the opening day for Stanley Park. The Park will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. until dusk through mid-October.

Carillon bell and organ concerts will be presented each Thursday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and each Sunday at 3:00 p.m. starting Mother's Day and continuing through mid-October. Dennis Chapdelaine, Stanley Park Carillonneur, will offer a variety of one-hour programs.

Special concerts will be held in Stanley Park every Sunday beginning May 31st and continuing through August 30th. These concerts are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There is no charge for admission to the Park or to the concerts. All concerts are held in the sheltered pavilion and chairs are available.

Group activities are always welcome at the Park. There is a pavilion which may be reserved, and picnic areas which are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For further information, call 568-9312, Monday thru Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rosary Altar Society To Install Officers

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills will hold its Annual Installation of Officers and Banquet on Tuesday, May 19th, at the Tavern Inn, Springfield.


Mass will be celebrated at the church at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Kenneth Tatro, former assistant pastor of the church.

Reservations may be made at the Rectory or by calling Penny at 786-5316. Rides are available, if needed.

Community Grange To Meet May 5th

Community Grange No. 382 will hold their next regular meetings on May 5th and May 19th.

The May 5th meeting will honor mothers and women in the Grange. The May 19th meeting will be a Memorial Service, with Chaplain Caroline Almquist in charge.



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Paula Polastri To Wed Mr. Randi Of Italy

Paula Polastri and Giorgio Randi are engaged to be married on November 7th in Italy.

The future bride, daughter of Mrs. Emile Polastri of Dewey Street, West Springfield, and the late Mr. Polastri, received a bachelor's degree cum laude from the University of Hartford.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Carlo Balboni and the late Mr. Balboni.

The future groom is the son of la signora Elda Marchesi Randi of Milan, Italy. He graduated from the University in Como, Italy, and studied at the University of Hartford where he met Miss Polastri. He is the son of the late Edoardo Randi. He is marketing director of the family business, Manifattura Randi, a textile and garment firm based in Milan.

Michael Bryant Enlists In US Army Reserves

Michael Bryant, son of Frederick Bryant of Springfield and Pamela Murphy of Agawam, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve's Delayed Training Program (DTP), and will report for basic training July 23rd, 1992.

The Agawam High School senior will take basic and advanced individual training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He has chosen the position of military police as his military occupational specialty, and will be assigned to the 187th in HHC Brigade.

Sgt. James Bedrin of the Westfield Army recruiting station assisted Bryant in his enlistment.

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PAULA POLASTRI

Leger Enlists In U.S. Army

Anthony L. Leger, son of Martin Leger of Feeding Hills and Linda Shear of Holyoke, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve's Delayed Training Program (DTP), and will report for basic training November 25th, 1992.

The Agawam High School graduate will take basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He has chosen the position of pharmacy specialist as his military occupational specialty, and will be assigned to the 819th Station Hospital.

Sergeant James Bedrin of the Westfield Army Recruiting Station assisted Leger in his enlistment.

Grange Has Ziti/Meatball Supper Set

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will sponsor a ziti and meatball supper on Monday, May 4th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Included in the menu will be ziti, meatballs, garden salad, bread/butter, coffee, tea, milk, and homemade desserts. The price per person is \$6, and children under 12 will be \$3.

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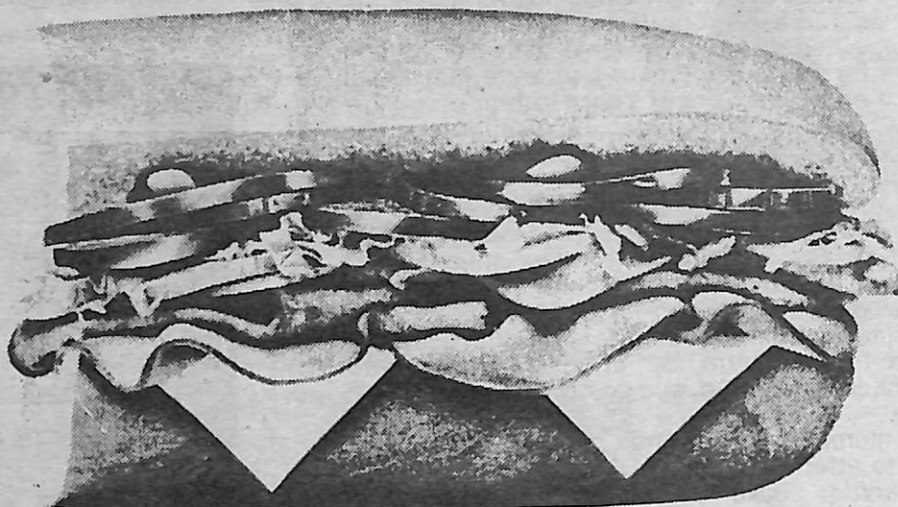
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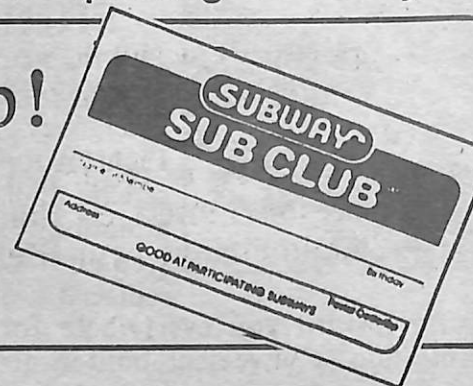


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Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 4th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, corn, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, May 5th: BBQ ribs, homemade Creole sauce, baked beans, cole slaw, whole wheat bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

Wednesday, May 6th: Zucchini & tomato soup, open-face roast beef sandwich, celery/cheese sticks, peaches.

Thursday, May 7th: Hamburger with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, whole wheat bread, apple-sauce with raisins.

Friday, May 8th: Mother's Day Celebration—Roast pork, pan-roasted potatoes, butternut squash, dinner roll, rosebud cupcake.

Native Awareness At United Methodist

Agawam United Methodist Church invites the community to attend its Native American Awareness Service this Sunday, May 3rd, at the regular 9:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School hour.

Prayers will draw from what Native Americans can teach us about our environment. Bible readings and sermon will deal with our responsibility for the earth. Pastor Laurence M. Hill will preach on "Take Care of Your Mother."

The choir will sing under the direction of Mrs. Love Ashton. Mrs. Cynthia Bouley will be Lay Liturgist.

On Thursday, May 7th, Agawam United Methodist Church will inaugurate a major Church Renewal initiative with a Kickoff Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

Trustees and the Committee will unveil plans to assure a safe, warm, and bright environment for our children, worship, and community service programs.

All members and friends of the church are invited to attend as guests of the church, and may call and/or leave a message at the church telephone (786-4174) if they plan to attend.

An opportunity will be given to make pledges toward the cost of updating the church building.

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Senior Center Activities For May

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Saturday, May 2nd: 6:30 p.m. Bingo. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.; kitchen opens at 5:45 p.m.

Monday, May 4th: 12:45 p.m. "Monday Movies."

Monday, May 4th: 1:00 p.m. Learn a new card game. This month - "Continental Rummy."

Tuesday, May 5th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), by appointment.

Tuesday, May 5th: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check, A-L.

Tuesday, May 5th: 1:00 p.m. Community garden meeting (all interested parties may attend).

Wednesday, May 6th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry, with Dr. Haynes (by appointment).

Friday, May 8th: 12:00 noon. Special Mother's Day celebration. Reservations are now open. Entertainment by the A B C Bell Ringers.

Friday, May 8th: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Office hours for Councilor Tom Ennis.

Saturday, May 9th: No Bingo this night.

Monday, May 11th: 12:45 p.m. "Monday Movies."

Monday, May 11th: 1:00 p.m. Learn "Continental Rummy."

Tuesday, May 12th: 11:30 a.m. Birthday Recognition, by reservation.

Wednesday, May 13th: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free eye exams, courtesy of Community Eye Care. By appointment (their last visit).

Wednesday, May 13th: 10:00 a.m. Office hours for Councilor Nancy Gravel.

Thursday, May 14th: 9:00 a.m. Foot nurses, by appointment (room 5).

Thursday, May 14th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry, with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

Saturday, May 16th: 6:30 p.m. Bingo. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 17th: 12:00 noon. Show and luncheon, plus fashions. Hu Ke Lau, Chicopee.

Monday, May 18th: 12:45 p.m. "Monday Movies."

Monday, May 18th: Learn "Continental Rummy."

Tuesday, May 19th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE, by appointment.

Tuesday, May 19th: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check, M-Z.

Tuesday, May 19th: "Special Activities Day." Bingo in the afternoon.

Wednesday thru Friday, May 20th—22nd: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Art exhibit, presented by the art classes. Open to the public.

Wednesday, May 20th: 9:30 a.m. Free legal consultation, with Attorney Anthony Bonavita. By appointment.

Friday, May 22nd: 12:00 noon. Office hours for Councilor Joanne Willis.

Saturday, May 23rd: 6:30 p.m. Bingo.

Monday, May 25th: Senior Center closed (Memorial Day).

Tuesday, May 26th: 1:00 p.m. "Enjoy Talking About Money" (second in the series).

Tuesday, May 26th: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Free legal consultation, with Attorney Teryl Deegan. By appointment.

Wednesday, May 27th: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. "Senior Dance," with Libby Campa on the ivories.

Thursday, May 28th: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Commodities distribution.

Thursday, May 28th: Special 12:30 p.m. program - "How To Stay Fit After 60."

Space Still Available For Jr. Women's Crafts

The Agawam Junior Women's Club still has spaces available for its 13th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival being held June 13th & 14th on the Agawam High School grounds. The festival is open to all handcrafted items.

The proceeds from the festival benefit the

Scholarship Fund of the Junior Women's Club. Last year the club raised over \$4,600 for graduating high school seniors.

Deadline for registration is May 15th. For information, call 786-2928.

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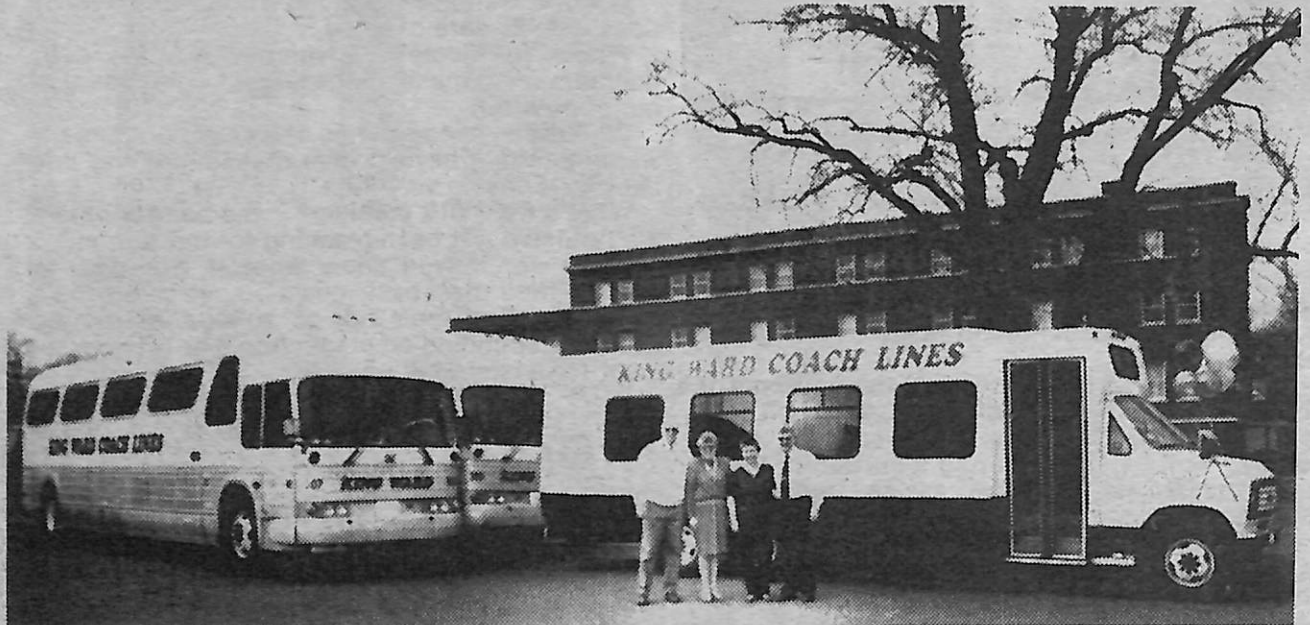


Spotlight On Business

King Ward Coach Lines Proud Of New Site



KING WARD COACH LINES, owned and operated by Agawam resident Bob King, is now located on Union Street in West Springfield. King Ward offers a huge selection of tours all over the Northeast by calling 737-2600. King Ward staff members celebrating the new West Springfield location at an Open House are Russell & Janet Ward, Dennis King, and Sandra Butler. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Common Sense With Your \$\$\$

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Saving Money ... For An Emergency & For Your Future

One of the most important parts of any financial plan is determining the amount of money you should keep liquid in a checking, savings, or money-market account/fund as an **emergency fund**.

Remember that the purpose of keeping some of your money liquid is to avoid having to touch your long-term investments in the event you need money. Also, I suggest having a portion of these funds put aside to serve as an **opportunity reserve**, making it easy to take advantage of investment opportunities that you may encounter.

Keeping this in mind, I suggest that you should keep **approximately three to six months' expenses** (not income) as liquid reserves.

When adding up your liquid assets, along with the accounts listed above, you may want to include any certificates of deposits you may have, which could be liquidated prior to maturity with the loss of only part of the interest.

Also, if necessary, think about the possibility of borrowing against the value of your life insurance, any securities and/or your house.

As we discussed in this column several weeks ago, if you have taken the time to put together a **spending plan**, you should have an excellent idea of exactly how much money you should have in your emergency fund. Remember, nobody knows when something unusual may occur ... it just happens.

That's why it's important for you to take a few minutes and analyze your current position. If a financial emergency was to occur, would you be ready?

Now, I know that the economy is tough these days, and it may be easy to make excuses ... all I'm saying is to **be prepared** if something unfortunate were to happen.

It's much easier to have a plan in place now than to rush, and possibly make a bad decision, if an emergency should occur in the future.

Please, give it some thought ... and **make it a goal** to spend a few minutes in this area over the next several days.

SAVING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Americans have one of the lowest savings rates in the world, placing us near the bottom of the list of industrialized nations. Based on information from different reports, we save less than 5% of

our income each year, compared with 15%-plus in countries such as Germany and Japan.

As I see it, the danger has been that over time, a low savings rate means less money is available for business to borrow and to invest ... and that means a decrease in the amount of capital goods and services created each year.

When a nation's capital creation declines, so does its standard of living.

Who's to blame? ... typically it's the baby boomers, who make up the largest component of our population.

With their rising salaries and easy credit, many were spending beyond their means, digging into debt, and saving very little.

What's their BIG problem? ... the baby boomers are not/have not been planning for the future.

Many don't even know what it will take to achieve their most basic goals ... such as buying a home, sending their kids to college, or retiring without depending on other people or the government for assistance.

IS THIS YOU?

John and Mary have a combined salary of \$50,000 and two children, ages seven and 10. They have little/no savings and little/no debt ... they want to send their children to good colleges ... retire at 62 ... and live happily ever after.

John and Mary figure that if they save 5% of their income, they will have plenty of money for retirement.

Reality ... when school time and retirement comes around, I predict that John and Mary will be in debt. **They assume** that everything will work out fine ... after all, their parents never really put a financial plan together, and everything seems to be working out okay for mom and dad.

Times have changed ... retirement may not be as easy as you may believe, though the situation is far from hopeless. By making some small adjustments, John and Mary can get themselves back on sound financial footing.

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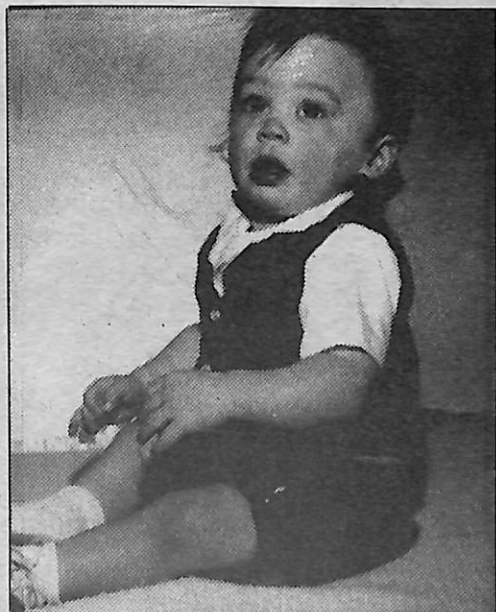
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First ... they must take steps to analyze their spending plan (discussed several weeks ago) and locate funds that can be redirected immediately towards savings/investments.

Second ... spend some time and project some specific numbers for college, a new home, retirement and more. Based on inflation and return on your investments, what's it going to cost you in real money.

Third ... set realistic and specific goals. Are you **only** living for today ... or are you planning for tomorrow, too?

Although these steps are small, it takes planning and discipline to execute them effectively.

PREDICTION

Over the past years, many people have been enjoying the present ... and sacrificing the future ... but, in the coming five to 10 years, couples will realize that they're going to come up short at retirement.

They will then change their habits, swiftly and dramatically. If any of this rings a bell, why not start now before it's too late.

BITS & PIECES

It's been several months since I've been writing this column and I want to write a few words about the staff at *The Agawam Advertiser-News*.

I've been a reader of this paper for years and I have always been impressed with the quality of the workmanship and information contained in each week's issue ... it really keeps me up to date with what's happening in town.

I never really realized, though, all the time and effort that goes into putting a newspaper such as this together until I started visiting the staff weekly to submit my article.

I want to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK** to the staff members that I see and speak with regularly ... Rich, Ellen, Lee, Teri, Phil and Jack, along with the other writers ... you all do a **GREAT JOB** in putting this paper together ... and I wanted to let the readers know that you deserve a round of applause.

Thanks.

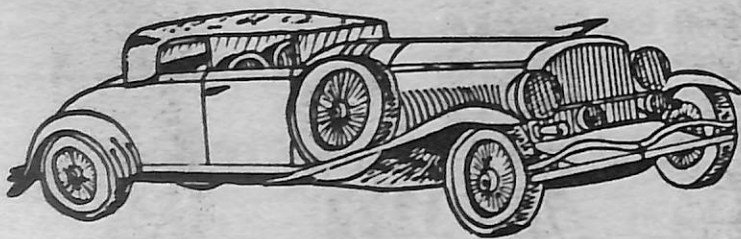
George & Green Marches On For Charity

GEORGE & GREEN REAL ESTATE COMPANY, Inc., again this year "marched" on April 26th to raise money for the March of Dimes. The walk took place in Springfield at Forest Park and was approximately 12 miles long. Pictured above are Chris Kasperek, Chet Kasperek, Liz Taylor, Laura Stevens, Kathy Altobelli, Kathy Ayre, Joan Haynes, and John Langevin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Easter Bunny (In Tux) Visits New Agawam Friendly's



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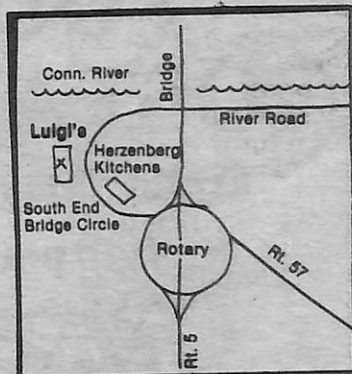
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Financial Planning

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Financial Planning For Newlyweds

Financial planning early in a marriage is an opportunity that we hope will only come once. By planning early, you and your spouse will have more time to fulfill your financial goals.

We've all heard that money is a leading cause of marital problems. By developing a financial plan, couples can work on avoiding one of the pitfalls of marriage and, at the same time, prepare themselves for a financially secure future—including a home, vacations, well-educated, or any other goals and objectives.

Working with a financial planner can help you and your spouse identify your common goals and work out compromises when goals differ.

The key word is "plan." A financial planner can help you assess your current needs, long-term goals, and retirement options—adapting or creating a new plan based on changes in career, income, family size, needs, and goals.

There is no one set of rules to follow, no easy formula to work out, or test to take that will determine exactly how you should handle your finances.

A good financial planner will take into account the many aspects of your financial picture, letting you know where you stand financially and helping you develop an individualized course of action.

Here are some variables that will most likely be considered in the planning process:

Your combined income. What is it now and what do you expect it to be 10 years from now? If you plan to have children, will one of you stay at home, reducing your total income?

Your goals and when you hope to accomplish them. Are you planning to buy a house in the next five years, before the expense and demands of children, or would you rather rent while you establish your careers? Would you like to travel, finish that college degree, or start saving for a child's college education?

Rate your current investments must grow to achieve your goals in the time frame allotted. Will a rate of return of 6 or 7 percent (taking inflation into account) be enough, or will you need a higher rate of return?

Your risk comfort level. Are you willing to make high-risk investments, or will you stay awake all night worrying that you may have lost everything by morning? Will lower-risk investments make you more comfortable?

Your investment protection. Remember that basics such as health, life, liability, home, and auto insurance could greatly reduce the risks associated with loss of income due to accidents or health problems.

Looking at all of the above, you may doubt that there is any single investment opportunity that could possibly fit all your needs and provide you with the money to reach your goals.

You're right. There isn't, and that brings us to diversification (not putting all your eggs in one basket). A financial planner can help you diversify your portfolio of investments, tailoring them to your personality, lifestyle, and goals.

A final word: be committed. A good plan takes commitment and hard work, just like a marriage. A good plan is worthless unless you develop the discipline to implement its recommendations.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office (567-1772).



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As a new father, my interest in what a newborn or infant sees is more than just professional. As parents, we can help our children's vision develop properly.

At birth and for the first four weeks, the baby's vision is poor, possibly less than 20/400. The eye is smaller and the fovea (the part of the retina that sees best) is still underdeveloped.

While the child reacts to light, eye muscle coordination is not fully developed and the eyes may "drift" in or out. And while the eye is smaller, the lids are very strong, as anyone who has attempted to examine a child is aware.

The eyes also roll upwards upon closing, called Bell's reflex. The white part of the eye, called the sclera, may appear blue for a few weeks. The irises will also be blue, but pigment will develop and the eyes may change color up to six months.

Premies will be delayed in all of these areas, and their eyes are less developed. There is also a higher rate of eye problems in premies.

At four to six weeks, tearing begins. The eyes begin to move together, following interesting objects. Since color vision is still developing, black and white objects with good contrast will be the most interesting.

Horizontal or vertical lines will be most interesting initially. Curved shapes and even faceline will become more stimulating over the next few weeks. The eyes begin to move together and track objects, and the child may begin to scan his or her surroundings.

Children are usually farsighted at this age. The protective blink is also developing.

Things a parent can do to enhance visual development include:

- Hang a mobile above the crib.
- Keep toys within reach at eight to 12 inches.
- Change crib position and baby's position in the crib.
- Talk to the baby as you walk around to give him/her a moving target to follow.
- Use toys with different colors, shapes, and textures.
- Give stacking or take-apart toys to enhance hand-eye coordination.

A child's first exam should be by age three to four, unless problems are noticed. Remember, a child does not know what "blurry" is. He or she thinks that what they see is what everyone sees.

Make the appointment early in the day so that the child will be alert. We recommend allowing the child to observe someone else's (parent's, brother's, or sister's) exam so they will not be afraid.

Have your baby examined sooner if one eye is turned in or out, if they favor one eye, if they tend to bump into objects on one side, or if they squint excessively.

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JACK SARAT, president of Sarat Ford of Agawam, who served as Agawam Area Telethon vice-chairman, was one of the co-hosts on the 1992 Easter Seal Telethon. He is pictured with TV-22 Telethon Host Brenda Garton at the recent Easter Seal Telethon. Aired on TV-22, the Western Mass. Telethon raised \$413,000, exceeding its goal by \$10,000. The money raised locally funds Easter Seal programs and services in Agawam and the Greater Springfield Area for children and adults with disabilities.

Stroke Support At Noble Hospital

The Noble Hospital Stroke Support Group will meet again on Monday, May 4th and May 11th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room located on the second floor of the hospital.

The Stroke Support Group is led by Social Worker Michele Chmura with the help of Donald Duperrault who is a volunteer at Noble Hospital and has also suffered a stroke.

There is no fee for program participants, but a 50¢ donation will be collected at the door for refreshments.

For further information, or to register, call the Bronson Rehabilitation Center at 568-2811, ext. 466.

Hypnotism A Means To Quit Smoking

"Forgetting Cigarettes with Hypnotism" will be offered by the education department of Noble Hospital as a way to quit cigarette addiction.

The class will be facilitated by Joseph Barako, director of Education at Noble Hospital, and will consist of three sessions to be held on May 14th, 21st, and 28th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Education Center on 2 Mill Street, Westfield, adjacent to the hospital.

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Ag. Health Dept. Planning Training For Restaurant Owners

The Agawam Health Department will be conducting a voluntary training seminar for owners of all food establishments and their employees. This is an opportunity for food handlers to gain valuable information on basic food sanitation principles.

There are literally thousands of foodborne illness cases reported each year, and hundreds of thousands that go unreported. The economic impact is staggering, not only for the owner but also for the employees whose jobs are at stake.

Millions of dollars have been lost due to medical bills, legal fees, lawsuits, loss of reputation, and health department costs. Food handlers must do all in their power to prevent illness, customer discomfort, and even death.

This training will be invaluable in acquiring the necessary knowledge for food handlers to implement a safe and effective food sanitation program, thus producing the most wholesome, unadulterated food possible to their customers.

Sixteen people have signed up for the first training seminar in May, and 18 expressed interest in a future seminar. At the completion of each training session, the press will be given the names of all those that participated to acknowledge their dedication in establishing an effective food sanitation program within their food establishment.

Noble Hospital Offers Weight Loss Program

Noble Hospital will offer a 12-week community education program on losing and maintaining weight.

The course begins on Monday, May 11th, and continues every consecutive Monday evening for 10 weeks. The program will be held in the Education Center at Noble Hospital. The course is offered at 7:00 p.m.

The course offers a nutritionally and medically sound means of losing and maintaining weight and has been taught at Noble for the past six years. The program focuses on limiting food intake without deprivation and developing lifelong healthy eating habits.

The course is compatible with medical conditions such as heart disease and diabetes. Individual needs and preferences of each participant are considered in order to personalize the weight loss program.

Joseph Barako, R.N., Director of Education at Noble Hospital, will instruct the course. The course fee is \$100.

Details of the course are covered in the first session. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, contact the Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 529.

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Genesis Life Center Has Abuse Program

"Working With Survivors of Sexual Abuse: Seizing the Therapeutic Moment" will be the topic of discussion at a workshop scheduled for Friday, May 8th from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Genesis Spiritual Life Center in Westfield.

Sponsored by the Fowler Wing of Noble Hospital, the conference will address the assessment of trauma, the unique setting for a therapeutic relationship to occur, and the tools for recovery.

Dr. Joan Featherman, a consultant to various programs which provide treatment to the sexually abused and chronically mentally ill population, will focus on both inpatient and outpatient treatment goals.

The workshop will be from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Genesis Spiritual Life Center in Westfield.

The cost of the conference is \$25 before May 1st and \$35 for registrations received after May 4th.

For further information, call the Fowler Wing of Noble Hospital at (413) 568-2811, ext. 550.

Self-Esteem Seminar Slated In West Side

Dr. Steve Sobel, Director of The New England Institute For Stress Management located in West Springfield, MA, will be presenting the seminar "Creating High Self-Esteem and Individual Reliance For Children" on Saturday, May 9th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The seminar is open to children who are in the age group of nine to 13 years of age. The seminar will take place at Dr. Sobel's office/conference center, which is located at 425 Union Street in West Springfield.

The cost of the seminar is \$15 per child. Seating is limited, so please call 785-1259 to receive the program registration form.

The seminar will presents ideas/strategies on how youngsters can feel better about themselves, their decisions, and the ability to get along better with others.

Dr. Sobel is nationally recognized for his work with pre-adolescents as well as adolescents, as he has appeared at many statewide and national conferences.

Group Self-Esteem Offered In May

Dr. Steve Sobel, Director of The New England Institute For Stress Management, located in West Springfield, MA, is pleased to announce his spring schedule for his adult self-esteem group program.

The program accepts no more than seven to 10 adults in each session. Cost is \$100 for the entire program.

The program focuses on specific strategies that will allow each person to develop and accomplish goals; how to deal with negative people and guilt; how to trust and use one's intuition; and how to move ahead socially, emotionally, or financially, despite what others may think.

The sessions all take place at Dr. Sobel's office/conference complex, conveniently located at 425 Union Street in West Springfield. Call 785-1259 for more info.

Participants may enroll in one of the following groups (all meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.): "Sunday Evening Group" - May 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 31st; "Monday Evening Group" - May 4th, 11th, 18th, and June 1st.

CPR Classes At Agawam Police Dept.

Two classes in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) will be held from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Department building, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The first class will run on May 15th and 18th; the second on May 22nd and 25th.

Rescue breathing, conscious and unconscious choking, and CPR for infants, children, and adults will be covered during each two-night class. Course material is geared for both the professional and the general public rescuer.

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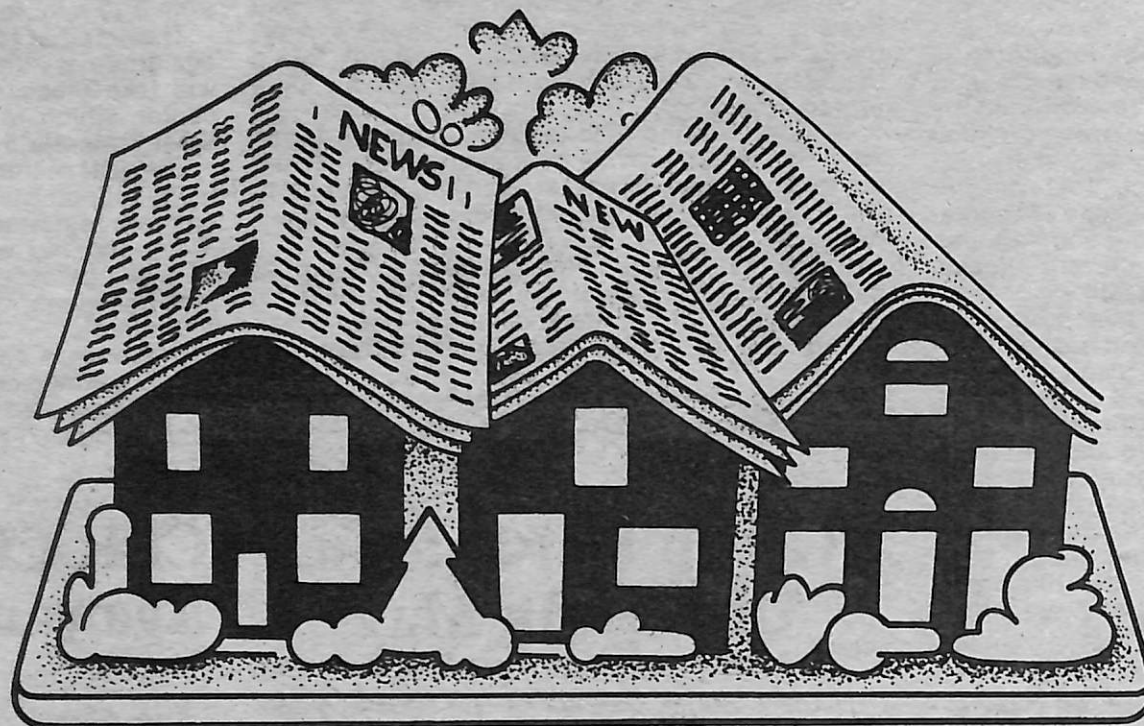
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MAKING FINAL PLANS for CLOWN-A-RAMA 1992, a convention of Shriner Clowns in Springfield May 7th - 10th are Gerald "Sweet Pea" Potar, president; Edgar "Rainbow" Gelinas, secretary; and George "Jitterbug" Krueger.

Agawam Residents Invited To Clown Around At Huge Convention Of Shriners' Clowns

Here come the clowns, clowns, and more clowns.

Baystate West in downtown Springfield will be the showplace as more than 150 Shrine clowns from New England and Canada gather to delight and amuse children of all ages as they meet for their 20th Annual CLOWN-A-RAMA. That's right. A real clown convention.

On Saturday, May 9th, at 10:00 a.m., festivities will begin on the special stage at Center Court, Baystate West, that will spotlight the gentle art of clowning as performed by Shrine Clowns. These clowns will be competing for awards for best clown make-up and costume, as well as best individual and group clown skits.

The general public is invited to view the antics of the clowns. Make-up and costume judging will take place at 10:00 a.m., and the more rambunctious clown skits will begin at 1:00 p.m.

It's a fun time for the entire family, especially

for the kids. Kids and clowns just naturally go together. Admission is free for this colorful buffoonery presented for the public's entertainment. This event gives Shrine Clowns an opportunity to show off their clowning skills as they compete in various events.

Don't forget your cameras. There will be plenty of color and excitement. And clowns love to have their pictures taken.

The Shriners support 23 Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children and three Burns Institutes which are located in the USA, Canada, and Mexico. A new Shriners Hospital on Carew Street in Springfield was dedicated last September with one of the biggest Shriners parades ever seen in this area.

Treatment at Shriners Hospitals is provided free of charge to patients and their families. If you know a crippled child, call the Shriners Hospital at 787-2000 for an application.

St. Martha Players Seek Staff Members

Enfield: St. Martha Players, Inc. of Enfield is currently accepting resumes for staff positions for the Fall production of *Bye, Bye Birdie* and the Spring production, *Fiddler On The Roof*.

Staff positions for *Birdie* include Musical Director, Choreographer and Costume Designer.

All staff positions are currently open for *Fiddler*: Director, Musical Director, Choreographer and Costume Designer.

Anyone interested in applying should send a resume and a letter of intent, including salary requirements, to Virginia Zdebski, 14 Alban Road, Enfield, CT 06082.

All resumes must be received by May 15th.

Performance dates for *Bye, Bye Birdie* are November 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th.

Performance dates for *Fiddler On The Roof* have not been scheduled at this time.

St. Martha Players has been presenting quality musical theater presentations for 24 years. *Fiddler On The Roof* will be the season opener for our Silver Anniversary year.

All shows are presented at St. Martha's School's Goulet Hall located on Brainard Road in Enfield.

Library Has Photos By Randall Parker

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce a photographic exhibit of the work of Randall Parker. He photographs a variety of subjects as diverse as landscapes, interiors, portraiture, still life, flowers, and even the elusive Chaka Kahn.

He is a 1969 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1973 graduate of UMass. He has a bachelor's degree in fine arts and is also a graduate of the School of the Visual Arts.

The exhibit is open for viewing during regular library hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The library is closed Memorial Day.

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The Wood Pile

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Birch, maple, oak, elm, chestnut, and apple tree wood all were devoured in amazing quantities.

The results? Well, a cook skilled in the use of her equipment could produce pies that were remembered for years by the whole family.

One custom which came from the use of the wood-burning stove was that of serving a hearty meal at noon and a light meal at night. Pies, cakes, meat, and vegetables were all cooked in the morning and then the fire was allowed to go out, except in very cold winter weather.

Supper time was usually cold meal, fruit, or cold vegetable and dessert. Old time farm families seldom ate salads.

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A good, one cylinder engine could send the circular saw through the wood with a sort of squealing whine and soon create a good pile of stove lengths.

Then, when these were stacked neatly, a man could laugh at those two insatiably greedy creatures, the kitchen stove and the parlor stove.

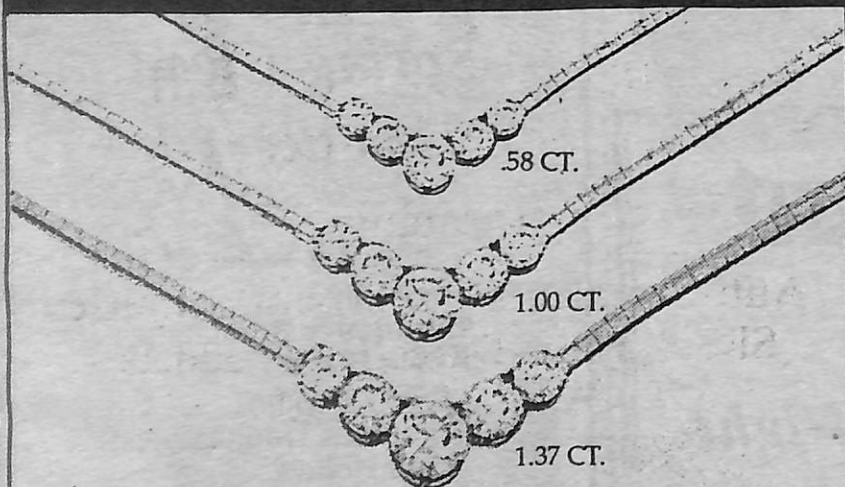
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"Little House" Part Of First Fri. Series

The First Friday Series of the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council presents Marcia Perlmutter in the role of Caroline Ingles Wilder, author of "Little House on the Prairie," on Friday, May 1st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam.

Originally from Selma, Alabama, Marcia Perlmutter has made her home in New England, where she was an elementary school art teacher for 11 years. In 1982, she left her teaching position to make "Characters" of "Characters of Educational Theater" in Franklin, Massachusetts, her full-time position.

Dressed in the costume of her time and place, Caroline Ingles Wilder relates her personal experiences raising her daughters on the Kansas plains in the 1860's.

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This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff



MEMBERS OF THE CAST of a show to be viewed by members of the Agawam Senior Center at the Hu Ke Lau May 17th include Alres Dinnall, Brian Olden, Pamela Mathison, and Doug Major.

Agawam Senior Center Invited To Hu Ke Lau

The Agawam Senior Center, with the assistance of Denise M.V. Cutter, will be having a show, "It's A Mystery," A Who Did What and Fashion Production on Sunday, May 17th, with a 12:00 noon luncheon at the Hu Ke Lau Restaurant, Memorial Drive, Chicopee.

The show is filled with suspense and talent in the area of improvisational acting, dance, and modeling.

Produced and directed by Denise Cutter and choreographed by Kelly Russell, the cast is comprised of the following performers: Alres Dinnall, Pamela Mathison, Jackie Brewer, Claudette Anna Marie, Doug Major, Jonathan Pett-Lubin, Brian Olden, Jesse Mitchell, Tony Fonseca, Shawn Koonce, and Brian Tongue.

Also, Jamie Goodrock, Elise Newman, Tonya McNeil, Christina Stevenson, Allison McDonald, Susan Ledue, Kelsey Connor, Bethann Czurka, Tammy Dionne, Sabrina Scott, Micheline Fryer, Sara Mangan, Sean Hurley, Desiree Jacobs, Jesse Fuller, and Sally LaPierre.

(Funds will supplement the budget for services to Agawam's elderly.)

Tickets to this entertaining event are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door (including lunch), and are available at the Hu Ke Lau or by calling the Senior Center at 786-0400, extension 242. Tickets will also be available at the door.

A Mystery Bus Ride, leaving from the Agawam Senior Center, is available for all ages at \$17.50, including the show and lunch.

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—The Power of One

The Power of One is a powerful film, albeit an often unpleasant one in that it reminds us all too honestly of man's inhumanity to man. It also makes dramatic statements about the need and value of education while describing the horrors of Apartheid in South Africa.

Stunningly filmed against an African backdrop, the story begins with the birth of child, a British child, in the pre-World War II world. As the clash of culture and ethnicity escalates, the child at seven has lost mother and father, and grows up in a prison with his German teacher, a sensitive, learned man enamored of music.

The child learns of reading, writing and things beautiful (like music) from this teacher, while learning of self-defense and self-esteem from a black fighter (Morgan Freeman).

A supporting performance by John Gielgud is equally wonderful, if brief.

The photography is tremendous, the musical score haunting. A moment of song with 200 voices in a delightfully rebellious song is a joy, plain and simple.

As the young man grows to adulthood, he falls in love, has ecumenical thoughts in a segregated community, and confronts his future—making a decision to stay and fight for all he believes in: the power of one.

In a word, this is one magnificent film.

—The Babe

The Babe is far less satisfying—a superficial look at a baseball great that is long on sentiment and short on the inner workings of the man who could unerringly hit home runs in the heyday of baseball.

Tiresome clichés abound: the unwanted child

deposited in the care of priests running an industrial school for boys; the fat kid who does nothing right; the priest who first sees him hit and never stops believing; the sweet young thing who becomes his first wife; the starlet with a heart of gold who succeeds her; the dying youth who only wants to see the Babe hit not one but two home runs...

It's not all bad, and it can be pretty to look at at times. But *The Babe* skims the surface, presenting a whirlwind ride of images without inviting the viewer to explore his soul.

Director Arthur Hiller has a great "Babe" to work with; John Goodman even resembles this late great hitter, right down to the bellylaugh and the flaring temper. The womanizing and heavy drinking prior moviemakers hushed up is displayed here in frequent doses.

It's a counterpoint to the Babe of older films, manipulating circumstances to fit a Hiller perception of Babe Ruth the Man.

With all the emphasis on frequent, repetitive home runs, *The Babe* strikes out, leaving the viewer modestly entertained but never really reaching for the heart.

—Deep Cover

Deep Cover offers Larry Fishburne (the wonderful dad from *Boyz in the Hood*) as a good cop going underground to systematically undermine a network of international drug dealers.

Stock stuff, with little imagination and lots of violence as the detective lives his life on a thin line between right and wrong, survival or death.

Deep Cover is run-of-the-mill filmmaking with a star that could have—and should have—done much better.

Noble Hospital Planning First Annual Children's Olympics On May 2nd

Noble Hospital's first annual Children's Olympics will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at Billy Bullens Field/Smith Avenue in Westfield.

The rain date is Sunday, May 3rd.

A day of outdoor fun and activity, children age five through 12 will participate in olympic style events from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Events include hurdles, a softball throw, the 50-yard dash, sack races and the standing broad jump. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for the top three boys and girls in each age division, in each event.

Concession stand refreshments will be available and Children's Olympic T-shirts will be given to all who participate.

Pre-registration is encouraged as space is limited. However, registrations will be accepted on the day of the event from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. if space is still available.

There is a \$5 registration fee for one child; \$7.50 for two; \$10 for three and \$12 for four or more in the same family.

For further information, or to receive a registration form, call 568-BEAT, Noble's HEALTHBEAT.

HELP CLARK SCHOOL: Agawam McDonald's is donating some its proceeds from sales from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. this Saturday, May 2nd to help erect a new sign for James Clark School. People from all over town are invited to attend to support this event.

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Education

10 Superintendent Finalists Selected For School Committee

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

A three-person screening committee evaluated 44 applicants for the Agawam Superintendent of Schools' position to present a list of 10 semi-finalists to the School Committee at Tuesday evening's meeting.

The panel included a professor from UMASS in Amherst; a retired Superintendent of a Massachusetts school district; and M.A.S.C. Search Coordinator Mark O'Connell.

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees was hired by the Agawam School Committee to conduct the initial search to replace Superintendent James Bruno next fall when he retires.

Bruno has served as Agawam's Superintendent of Schools for 11 years, and his replacement is to be appointed by June 16th. The new superintendent is expected to begin duties on or about August 1st, 1992, for the 1992-93 school year.

At the onset of school this past September, Bruno announced he would retire in October 1992. O'Connell told the School Committee, "A number of excellent candidates have come forward during the search. A total of 55 persons inquired about the opening."

"Many of the candidates," he added, "possess the qualifications set by the School Committee at the beginning of the search."

No Semi-Finalists From Agawam

There was some disappointment expressed by townspeople over the fact that none of the semi-finalists were from Agawam, although no discussion resulted in the announcements during the board meeting.

O'Connell stated, "Seven of the semi-finalists are currently superintendents; one is a former superintendent; one is an assistant superintendent; and one is a high school principal."

"Although four of these individuals currently hold positions outside of Massachusetts, all 10 have served, in some capacity, in a Massachusetts public school system." Six of the selected applicants hold a doctorate's degree.

The names were presented to the School Com-

mittee in alphabetical order, as follows:

* Dr. Frank W. Cummings, Superintendent of Nauset Regional Schools in Brewster, MA.

* Dr. William G. Erickson, Superintendent of Schools, Washington Northeast Union (Plainfield, Vermont).

* Dr. Gerald R. Fortier, Superintendent of Southwick-Tolland Regional Schools in Granville, MA.

* Dr. John Gawrys, Superintendent of New Fairfield, CT, Public Schools.

* Ms. Diana L. Lam, former Superintendent of Chelsea, MA, schools.

* Ms. Betty A. Phillips, Principal of Westerly High School in Rhode Island.

* Bernard F. Ryder, Superintendent of Limestone Public Schools in Maine.

* Dr. John E. Shea, Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Springfield, MA.

* Dr. Vincent Simone, Superintendent/Principal of Carlisle Public Schools in MA.

* Bruce E. Willard, Superintendent of Schools with the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.

Five Days For Interviews Suggested

O'Connell said the packet provided to the School Committee included a list of questions "you may not ask" during the interview process to avoid discrimination based on sex, race, age, national origin, or religion. He then requested the board to set aside five days for interviews that would last approximately one hour and 15 minutes each.

Mayor Christopher Johnson, as School Committee Chair, conferred with members to set Tuesday, May 5th, at 6:30 p.m. to meet and review the interview format and establish criteria for the interviews.

Interviews will be held beginning at 7:15 p.m., May 8th, and at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11th;

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Government Day Gives Local Girl Scouts Chance For Badge

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam girl scouts will have an opportunity to earn a special Agawam Government Day Badge for the first time.

Due to the efforts of leaders Helen Manning and Doris Donovan, this newly designed badge will consist of the Agawam Town Seal, including a New England farmland picture, the words "Town of Agawam," and the time of incorporation (May 17th, 1855).

In order to qualify for the badge, girl scouts had to first submit a "letter of intention to participate" to their leaders. Each participant was given a folder of information and requirements.

Next, the scouts and their troop leaders had to attend a School Meeting meeting, a City Council meeting, and tour City Hall with Mayor Christopher Johnson.

Special Meeting With Girl Scouts

At the end of March, School Committee members Louis Massola, Louise David, and Susan Pettazzoni held a special meeting with the troop participants prior to the regularly scheduled School Committee meeting that evening.

The three members fielded questions from the scouts in order to gather the appropriate information needed to complete that section of the badge requirement.

Questions regarding the officers' positions and the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Agawam School Committee were asked of the members.

Another point of interest was Citizen's Speak Time, and what restrictions are placed on townspeople who wanted to address the School Committee.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS Susan Pettazzoni, Louis Massoia, and Louise David visited the Middle School for the Agawam Government Day Badge program sponsored by Girl Scouts in the town. Scouts in the photo include Gwen Gonyea (565), Holly Moren (548), Elizabeth Christian (89), Lonnie DeLuca (551), Trina Bowler (542), and Barbara Bitgood (545). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Curiosity extended as to why elementary schools had recess time, yet Middle Schools and secondary schools did not. Mrs. Pettazzoni told the troops that added responsibility to their educational careers involved increased time in their learning.

Another girl scout asked what the superintendent's job involved, and Massoia responded that it was quite extensive and difficult to categorize.

Mrs. David helped the troops to understand some of the similarities and differences of the structured girl scout troops to city government.

During the School Committee meeting which followed, Mary Manning spoke to the board during Citizen's Speak Time to thank Mayor Johnson for his participation in their annual Girl Scouts' Cookie Drive.

Under "Old Business," troops listened to a discussion on the criteria for evaluation of a new superintendent, and witnessed the selection of members who will serve on the newly established Educational Trust Fund.

Badge Criteria

To earn this extensive badge, girl scouts must also collect news articles regarding the School Committee, and they must submit a personal resume to their leader.

According to Mrs. Manning, the participants also had to list four City departments with a short description of the duties and responsibilities of each, and list in order of preference the ones they would like to hold.

She said that each participant will act as a town employee holding a certain government position for one day to complete their tasks in earning the Agawam Government Day Badge.

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Tuesday, May 12th; and Friday, May 15th, in the Middle School auditorium.

The interviews are open to the public and will be broadcast on the P.E.G. Access Channel (33) on cable television.

Johnson was given 10 individual folders on the semi-finalists to be kept in his office. He said that School Committee members will be able to examine the applicants' folders in the Mayor's office.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 4th: Cheeze pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, May 5th: Oven baked chicken nuggets, dipping sauce, diced carrots, bread and butter, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, May 6th: Rotelli with meatsauce, Italian blend vegetables, bread and butter, fruit cup or strawberry jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, May 7th: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed rice, mustard, relish, catsup, seasoned green beans, fruit cup or sweet potato spice cake with icing, milk.

Friday, May 8th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, raw carrot curls, oven potato puffs, catsup, fruit cup or vanilla pudding with topping, milk.

Lisa A. Munro Enrolls At Bay Path College

Miss Lisa A. Munro, daughter of Noreen Musselwhite of Paul Revere Drive and Paul Munro of Whitney Avenue, Feeding Hills, has enrolled at Bay Path College and will enter the women's college as a member of the freshman class in September.

Bay Path grants both associate and baccalaureate degrees in a two-plus-two degree sequence, and Lisa will have the option of entering the work force with an associate degree after two years of study, or continuing at the college for two more years to also earn a bachelor's degree.

Kristin Heyman Gets Framingham Awards

Kristin Heyman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Heyman of Agawam, recently received the following awards at Framingham State College: "Outstanding Service To New Student Orientation"; "Student Services Leadership Award For BAC-CHUS"; and "Program For Emerging Leaders."

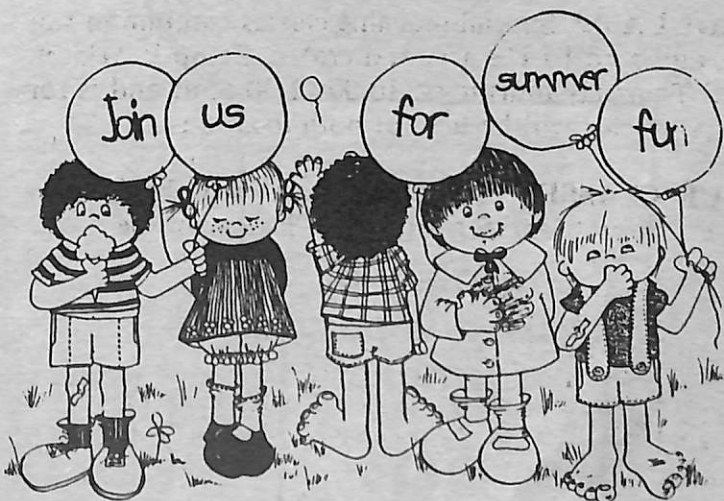
A junior at Framingham State, she received the awards from college President Paul Weller; Wendy Noyes, Vice President of Student Services; and Penny Valukis, President of the Alumni, at the college's sixth Awards Recognition Ceremony.

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DA Bill Bennett Visits Agawam High Bringing No-Nonsense Program On DWI

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The message was clear and emphatic to Agawam High School juniors and seniors: "If you are 17 or older, you are considered an adult in the criminal courts."

Hampden County District Attorney William Bennett presented the facts in a no-nonsense manner in commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 27th through May 1st, 1992).

The program was entitled "Drunk Driving: A Costly Cruise," and a program brochure depicting "The Road To Victim Justice" emblem for the theme this year read:

"This year represents the 20th anniversary of the Victims' Assistance Movement, and the 90's have been designated as the decade which will emphasize constitutional rights for all citizens victimized by crime."

Tom Kokonowski, Advocate of the Victim/Witness Assistance Program, moderated the presentation and imparted statistics as slides were shown. He told students they were not there to preach at them: "We know you are intelligent and able to use the information we are about to give you to make the right choice."

"...be responsible for your actions..."

Bennett reinforced this by saying, "We are trying to reach out so that together we can give you the information you need as adults to make the right choices. I encourage all of you to be responsible for your actions, to realize there are consequences to your behavior and that you're adults now."

He added, "We have a group of people on the platform that have a lot of experience enforcing the law; people that have been prosecuted; and also some people whose families have been affected by somebody that got behind the wheel of a car when they were drunk."

Bennett concluded, "We want to work with you so that you can have a full and happy adult life."

The following segment of the program, entitled "The Choice," involved explicit and sometimes graphic details of a convicted vehicular homicide defendant who admitted he did have choices, but

made the wrong one.

Students listened intently to the defendant's story and learned of the severe consequences he will have to suffer for, perhaps, the rest of his life.

A Defendant's Anguish

Students evidenced the pain and anguish this young man has endured to date—both from the punishment of incarceration and from the haunting emotional and mental dissolution.

"Someone else paid the price for my ignorance," he said.

On either side of the defendant sat two women whose courage and conviction balance with pain each day.

Laura Finn, President of the Hampden County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.), and Chapter Administrator Hannelore Simard both talked of "The Pain" suffered by a victim's family members.

Mrs. Finn explained that the M.A.D.D. Chapter here in Hampden County began with a meeting at the Sheraton Inn in Springfield (March 19th, 1986). It was as a result of an accident that killed a 17 year-old boy, Paul, and left a young girl, Karen, comatose.

The drunk driver struck their vehicle head-on on October 13th, 1985. Today, there are over 400 members in M.A.D.D.

"We support families of victims, monitor court proceedings, lobby for stricter laws on drinking and driving, and educate people like you," said Mrs. Finn to the AHS students.

Mrs. Finn lost her son to a drunk driver. She said, "The funeral, the trial, the pain...you never realize how much a life is worth until you no longer have it."

She noted, "Right now is a very happy time for you. It's your last few years of high school and the prom and graduation season is upon us. If you do drink at a party, designate a driver (that is sober)."

"Make sure you don't drive while you are drinking—call M.A.D.D. and we'll drive you home."

She added, "Tie a red ribbon on your car," and with glistening eyes, she concluded, "and don't forget to kiss your mom and dad goodbye."



AGAWAM SAFETY OFFICER AL LONGHI (left) and DA Bill Bennett were part of a group that relayed a powerful message to Junior High students against drinking and driving. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The Pain Surrounding An Unsolved Death

Mrs. Simard's pain was further deepened by the fact that so many avenues were left open with the unsolved death of her 18 year-old daughter, Michelle, on October 14th, 1985.

"They could never prove who the driver was who killed my daughter. I needed someone to understand how I felt. If it wasn't for the people in M.A.D.D...." she remembered.

Then she said, "After five years, I did write something in the newspaper," which she read to the students.

It spoke of being made to "feel cheated" because "Michelle was the small spark in our family of four."

No person in the auditorium with any sense of humanity could have been left untouched by the searing pain still emblazoned upon these people's souls. And yet, the simple alternative was responsibility and the right choice...

To finalize this powerful and deeply moving program, Howard Safford (a former Agawam Brownie who's now working in the Superior Court as an Assistant District Attorney) familiarized students with some of the laws for driving while under the influence of alcohol and other drugs.

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Agawam Residents On PC Dean's List

Providence College has announced its listing of students who were named to its Dean's List for the fall semester of 1991.

Among those students were two Agawam students: Lawrence Sheehan of 42 Tracy Drive, and Kenneth Cornwell of 14 Worthington Brook Circle.

To attain the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.250 or higher cumulative average, with no grade lower than "C." A grade of "B" at the college is equal to a 3.0.

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Bambi School Plans Open House May 12th

The Bambi School of Agawam preschool, kindergarten and day care will hold its 25th annual Open House on Tuesday, May 12th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Summer and fall registrations will take place. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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For more information, please call the Bambi School at 786-8325.

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McDonald's Helping James Clark School On Saturday, May 2nd

The James Clark Elementary School PTO has been hard at work doing all the "normal" things for the school year, including answering teachers' requests for new classroom material, and equipment for preschool, kindergarten, resource, and second grade.

Each class/grade has funds appropriated for field trips and transportation. There has been a "Welcome Back to School Night," "Open House," "Sock Hop," and a "Bingo Night." Other events are already being organized for a busy spring, including "The Olympiad" in May, which will be a fun-filled field day during school.

With all of these activities, funds are depleting quickly. This year's PTO has been looking into costs, codes, etc., for a sign to be put on the school property. Cindy Lawlor presented all the information to the PTO board and of course, the biggest stumbling block is money.

Dee Circosta-Aspinall, PTO president, asked Dan Ashburn, the franchisee at Agawam McDonald's, if he would consider having a James Clark School Day at his McDonald's on Suffield Street and he gladly accepted.

Dan Ashburn invites everyone in the community to please come to McDonald's to eat on Saturday, May 2nd, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. A percentage of his proceeds will go towards a large wooden, blue and gold sign to be installed on the Clark School property.

Clark parents should watch for a flyer that will be sent home with their children indicating what time their teacher(s) will be dining at McDonald's this Saturday.

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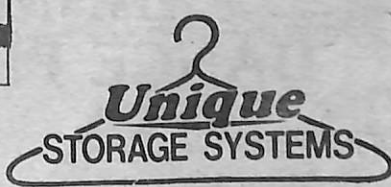
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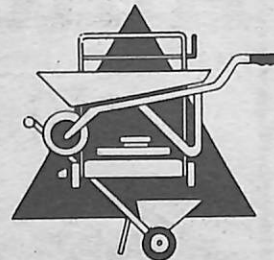
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Agawam AFS, through a community group of volunteers and a full-time faculty advisor at Agawam High School, provides a wide range of support for the students and their host families.

Agawam AFS is also hosting, for the first time, an exchange teacher on the January to July program. The teacher, from Argentina, is living with an Agawam family and team-teaching at Agawam High School.

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BROWNIE TROOP 556 PHELPS SCHOOL

Not too long ago, the troop was busy preparing for a Valentine's Pot Luck Dinner for the moms to be held on February 10th at the Agawam Congregational Church.

In order to earn their "Manners" badge, the members of the troop had to plan the evening by making invitations, centerpieces, place setting tags, Valentine's favors for each individual, and dessert (which was no-bake cookies taken from the troop recipe book on healthy snacks).

The evening started with the meal, then badges earned were given out and followed by a couple of songs. Four moms walked away with the centerpieces, which were given away when their names were drawn.

The evening was a huge success, and we're very proud of our young hostesses who really worked hard to earn their "Manners" badges.

In addition, during the February vacation, the troop went bowling, including our newest members. We want to welcome **Meegan LeCroix** and **Hilary Golas** to our troop.

We are also preparing a song tape (along with the words) for a Brownie troop in Arlington, Virginia. They, in turn, are sending us a tape, so both troops will learn many new songs.

We will be putting away a time capsule box which will be opened up when the girls graduate from Phelps in two years.

Rollerskating was fun for those who attended from our troop. Our hot air balloon pinata that was made by our troop was broken at an Easter party on April 13th.

Our latest badge to be earned was "Caring and Sharing," or "People of the World" for those that already earned "Caring and Sharing."

The girls will be ending with a very busy month of May.

GIRL SCOUT LEADER'S DAY

April 22nd was Girl Scout Leader's Appreciation Day. Thousands of people nationwide will be honored for the voluntary contributions to Girl Scouting.

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ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL Troop 553 recently enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

is the third week in April.

To celebrate the day, Girl Scouts and their families often present troop leaders with homemade gifts and cards. All leaders are volunteers and their efforts are appreciated. It takes a lot of time, effort, and planning to run a troop.

These adults are working with your children to teach them good values, developing their abilities and social skills, and teaching them how to contribute to society.

The leaders, in return, get the joy of working with the girls, listening to their ideas, watching new friendships grow, and seeing the girls become independent, resourceful adults.

We would like to take this time to thank our Agawam leaders. Without their efforts, there would be no troops. We cannot say enough good about these wonderful people.

Keep up the good work ... you are truly appreciated!

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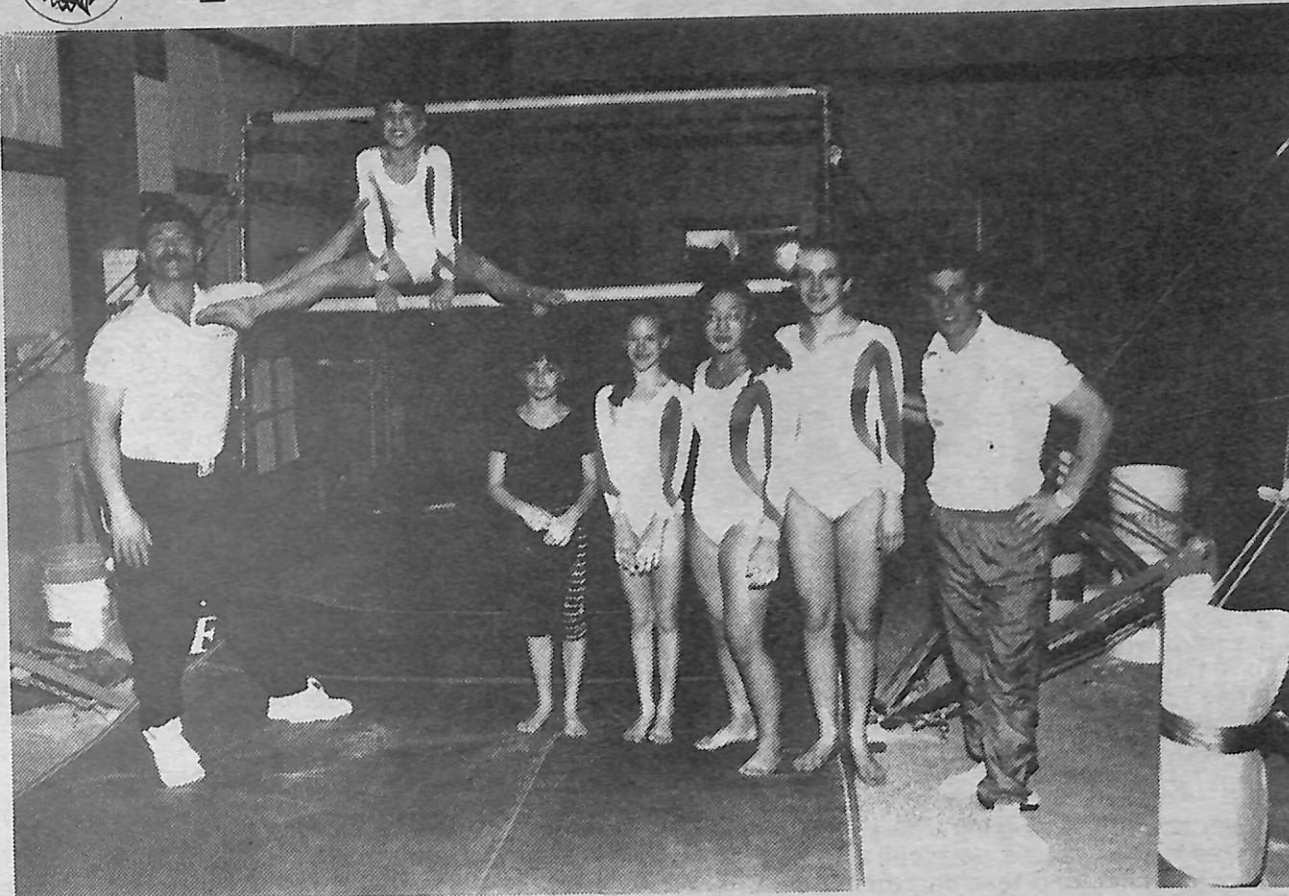
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GYMNASTICS COACHES Joe Saimerl and Tim Daggett (right) are proud of these members of the Tim Daggett Gold Medal Girls' Gymnastics Team -Michelle Germano, Brook Giguere, Melissa Droskinis, Melanie DeMastrie, and Kellie Niemczyk. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 43. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TIM DAGGETT (back row, right) and members of the Tim Daggett Gold Medal Boys' Gymnastics Team. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 43. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Melanie DeMastrie Excels For Daggett

Team members of the Tim Daggett Gold Medal Girls' Gymnastics gave outstanding performances at last Saturday's State Championships, held at Algonquin High School.

A stand-out performance by Melanie DeMastrie of Agawam included a second place medal on vault in the Junior Division. Melanie scored an 8.8 to win her silver medal.

Nine year-old Michelle Germano of West Springfield, showing great skill and future promise, won a fourth place medal on the bars with an 8.95. She also placed fourth on the beam (8.9) and fourth in the all-around competition (combined total of 34.5).

Coaching the girls were Joe & Anne Saimerl of Feeding Hills, members of the staff at the Agawam-based Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics Center.

AHS Softball Bats Batter Tigers In 14-7 Victory

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High softball Brownies are on the move again. A 14-7 conquest over South Hadley on Friday afternoon moved the team to a 5-1 record on the season.

Kim Trudel's three-run homer in the first inning propelled the Brownies to their fifth straight win, as Cyndi Stone hurled a complete game at the Tigers to help extend the Agawam streak.

Trudel was the offensive star as she went 3-4 on the afternoon, and the other accolades go to April Rapa (three more hits to add to her smoking start) and Stephanie Mason (2-3 on the day).

Coach Debbie Lickley saw her team lose two games in the past week due to heavy rains, but her team came out clicking and built an early lead (8-1) in South Hadley.

Tigers Challenge The Brownies

The Tigers made it exciting by erupting for five runs fueled by a grand slam in the fourth inning,

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Daggett Boys' Gymnasts On Roll At Tourney

The Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics Boys Team turned in outstanding performances at the Massachusetts and Region VI USGF Gymnastics competitions this year.

Bryan Fox, Joe Roemer, and Aaron Vexler represented the Class I boys. Bryan Fox won 1st Place All Around, with Aaron Vexler taking 2nd and Joe Roemer winning 3rd All Around, respectively. Bryan was recognized as the Outstanding Gymnast in the Class I competition.

In Class II for 13 to 15 year-olds, Mike Moran, Alex Chansky, Tim Wheeler, and Joe Martelli represented the team. The boys excelled in the competition, with Alex Chansky winning 1st Place All Around, Mike Moran taking 2nd Place All Around, and Joe Martelli winning 4th All Around.

Tim Daggett's Boys Team also gave a shining performance in the Class III competition. Darren Morace, John Szymczyk, Andrew Leis, Kyle Roising, and Kevin Suffritti represented the 10 to 12 year-olds. Darren Morace captured 1st Place All Around, Andrew won 2nd Place All Around, and John Szymczyk placed 5th All Around.

Not to be outdone, Jamey Houle and Patrick McFarlin, who are competing for the first year, placed 1st and 3rd All Around, respectively, for ages 7 to 9 Class IV competition. Jamey received the Outstanding Gymnast Award for Class IV and won 1st Place in all events, except the Rings where Patrick placed 1st.

The boys' coaches are Tim Daggett, William Jones, Vladimir Novikov, and Joseph Saimerl.

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but the Brownies exhibited their killer instinct and rallied for three in the top of the fifth to go up 11-6 and cruise home to victory.

"Cyndi did a nice job on the mound," said Lickley. "She had one bad inning (which has plagued her this season), but she came through when she needed to and won a big ballgame for us against a hard-hitting club. Their first four kids were on base all game long."

The Brownies will be forced to play four games in each of the next two weeks, including make-up games on May 5th (home - East Longmeadow) and May 12th (home - Longmeadow).

You may want to circle your calendar for that Longmeadow game, as the Brownies have a chance to avenge their lone loss of the season (a 7-6 heart-breaker in Longmeadow on Opening Day).

This week, the Brownies host Holyoke on Wednesday (presstime) and then visit Chicopee Comp on Friday afternoon.



TIM DAGGETT (back row, second from right) and his coaching staff with some of the top performers on the Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics Boys' Team. Coaches included Vladimir Novikov (an Olympic performer with the former Soviet Union team), Joe Saimerl, and Bill Jones. Team members are Ali Eslami, James Houle, Darren Morace, Alex Chansky, and Bryan Fox. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Bombers' Ace Fires No-Hitter At AHS In 10-0 Romp

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

I never thought that I would live to see the day when I would watch a no-hitter in baseball without any suspense. But, that's almost exactly what happened at Agawam High School on Monday afternoon. Westfield High downed Agawam 10-0 in a star-studded performance by a hardthrowing right hander.

Westfield High's Pete Orzechowski fired a gem at the Agawam High Brownies and struck out 15 along the way in a dominating performance. There were no difficult scoring decisions and no close calls at first base.

Nathan Wooley had the closest thing to a hit for the Agawam nine as he drilled a liner to center leading off the fourth, but it was right at the Bomber center fielder and he fielded it eye high.

Orzechowski struck out the side three times in the seven-inning contest, including the final six batters of the game.

The Brownies drew Orzechowski for the second time this season and dropped their second ballgame to the perennial Western Mass powerhouse.

Westfield's Formidable Offense

Westfield broke it open offensively with three runs in the second and three more in the third. Orzechowski reached losing pitcher Rick Henry with a two-run, bases-loaded single in the second, and the Bombers pulled a double steal for their third run in that frame.

In the third, Westfield scored in a variety of ways. The first run crossed on a fielder's choice; the second trotted home on a bloop single; and the third touched the dish following a two-out error by shortstop Nathan Wood.

The Brownies had just three baserunners in the game. Greg Benoit was plunked with a pitch with one out in the third. Henry and Wood both picked up late-inning base on balls, but the Brownies couldn't move them around.

Westfield made it a laughter late when they posted two runs in both the fifth and seventh innings. Left handed reliever Dave Campbell surrendered the final two Bomber runs.

Lancers Upend AHS Baseball

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It was Marc Cerasa's turn to pitch for the Longmeadow High Lancers. He was coming off a one hitter against always tough Chicopee Comp.

The Agawam High Brownies might have dodged that particular bullet (Longmeadow isn't quite the same club when the right handed Cerasa gets a day off). But, though the weatherman had predicted all kinds of doom and gloom in the rain department, it was actually a warm, comfortable day in Longmeadow last Friday afternoon.

Cerasa shook off an early Agawam rally and shut down the Brownies on three hits as he went the distance for a 5-2 Lancer victory.

Bob Peloquin equalled Chicopee Comp's game total from earlier in the week when he smacked a single to right leading off the game. He swiped second and went to third when the ball went sailing into center field.

Dave McKay followed by doing his job from the number two slot. He rolled a grounder out to second base, and Peloquin crossed with the game's first run.

Rick Henry would later reach on a little chopper in front and he moved up to second on a wild pitch. Joe Gaylor got him to third with a ground out, but Steve Moccio's hard hit ball up the first base line was snagged for the final out.

A Tied Game

Peloquin took the hill for Agawam and he suffered control troubles from the outset. He walked three of the first four hitters and paid for it when Jeff Kramer reached him for a sacrifice fly to left field, tying the ballgame.

Tom Kordis hit a one-out single to center in the Agawam half of the second, but he was stranded. The Lancers got another walk leading off the second and couldn't get the run around despite a stolen base.

Peloquin got his second knock of the day with a hustle double in the third, but again the opportuni-

ty went wasted.

The Lancers took the lead in the third when a fly ball to right fell for a three-base error, opening the door for a two-run rally that sent the home team up by a 3-1 count.

Gaylor walked leading the Agawam fourth. He later stole a base, but two Brownies were caught looking at strike three to end that frame.

The LOB category wasn't huge, but it was looking more and more like a game where you had to cash your opportunities, and the Brownies simply couldn't bring those runners across the plate.

Peloquin pitched four innings and then left the game in the fifth in favor of freshman Nathan Wooley. The youngster wiggled out of a two on and two out situation, and the Brownies came to bat in the sixth, looking to finally carve into the lead.

And they did. They pushed one run across when Rick Henry and Steve Moccio reached via the base on balls. With Henry on third (due to a Cerasa wild pitch) and one out, Wooley cracked a high fly ball to center, plating the Brownie's second run.

Longmeadow Puts It Away

With their lead trimmed to 3-2, Longmeadow came to bat in the sixth and put it away. A leadoff single and a ground out put a runner on second with one out. Wooley induced another groundout for the second out of the frame as the runner moved over to third.

Wooley was well on his way to getting out of the jam when he hung a breaking ball in the eyes of Joe Samol, who spanked it into center field for the insurance run.

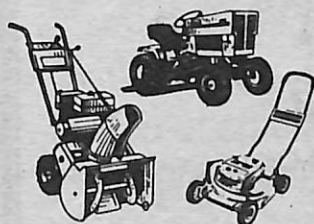
Samol swiped second and watched teammate Dick Jarvis receive a walk. Later, a double steal and a passed ball spelled the final fate.

Agawam fell to 2-4 and awaited a Monday afternoon matchup with Westfield High (story this edition).

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Brownie Linksters Roll Up Opponents For 7-1 Record

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Coach Paul Bachini of the Agawam High golf team has set up an interesting way to set his lineup these days, and it's working to a "T" for his 7-1 Brownies.

Agawam roared through their three matches this past week, as they downed Central (13½-4½), West Springfield (15½-2½), and Longmeadow (13-5).

Bachini is happy to have eight kids fighting it out for the six available "match day" slots, and the kids are pushing each other very hard.

"I simply take the scores of their last four rounds and add them up. The best six scores get to play the next match.

"The last time I added them up, I only had a 10-stroke swing between the top player and the eighth player," said Bachini.

A Huge Win At Longmeadow

The win at Longmeadow was a huge win for the Brownies, as they squared their league record at 1-1 as they wasted the defending State Champions in the own backyard at Longmeadow Country Club.

"They won the states with outstanding play from their top three players," said Bachini. "They really don't have that much strength this year, but we beat them and it was very satisfying."

Chris McElligott was the medalist for the Longmeadow match, as he carded a 41 despite taking a quad-bogey on the Par 5 fifth hole. Number six player Ryan Harlin was next with a 43, despite posting the exact same nine on the fifth hole.

The wins over West Springfield and Central were a matter of winning ugly, according to Bachini. "We played well enough to win, but we can definitely play better. That's for sure. But, we'll take 'em."

The Brownies put their gaudy record on the line this week against Amherst at Oak Ridge at presstime.

Minnechaug Too Much For Brownies On Track; Camidge Wins Two Events

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Jim Camidge met his match on Monday afternoon in Wilbraham. The Agawam High track star has been sweeping the board this season while dominating the jumping and sprint events.

But on a beautiful late April afternoon, Camidge's head-to-head battle with Minnechaug Regional's star, Fred Hill, gave the edge to the Falcons.

Hill led a deep Falcon team to a 95-50 win over AHS. Camidge and Hill were neck-and-neck in the 100 yard dash with Hill winning by just one-tenth of a second at the line (10.3 to 10.2).

Camidge also grabbed a second in his specialty, the long jump, at 19'5½". Hill checked in with a great leap of 20'7". This sets up an intense battle between the two speedsters when the rematch comes in the post season.

Camidge did roar to victory in the 220-yard dash with a fine time of 23.3 and then picked off another first in the triple jump. He hopped, skip-

ped, and jumped his way to 39'4".

AHS won just four events on the day, including the two by Camidge. Nick Langone won the discus with a throw of 117 feet and Dan Moriarty continues to run the 440-yard dash with gusto as he posted a 55.7 to win the once-around-the-track event.

Langone grabbed a second in the shot put (40'9"); Scott Benjamin was second in the high hurdles (18.6); and James Willis ran the 880 in 2:13, good for another second.

Coach Mike LaZazzera knew it would be a tough assignment in Wilbraham. "They are a very deep team with 60 kids on their squad. Then, add the fact they have some very good specialty talent, they'll win a lot of meets.

The Brownies slipped to 1-3 on the season but LaZazzera is hopeful the remainder of the schedule has a few less bumps than the first four April meets.

AHS Boys Lick Colts On Courts

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

After a week-long hiatus, the Agawam High boys' tennis team came out swinging with a vengeance and laid one of their biggest (and swiftest) hurts on the kids from Chicopee Comp High.

The Brownies blasted through with a 5-0 win, as they took all five matches in straight sets over the Colts at Agawam High School. Agawam squared their record at 2-2 in the process.

Coach Ken Dean saw all three singles teams and both doubles tandems complete the sweep in less than an hour on Monday afternoon.

At first singles, Mark Radtke decisioned Matt Berube 6-2, 6-2. Andy Turcotte got his job done

over John Denison 6-0, 6-2 at second singles. And, Mike Lorge posted the double donut with a 6-0, 6-0 whitewashing over Marty Deren at the number three singles slot.

Mike Parent and Paul Klisiewicz combined to tame Brian Warchol and Brian Bornier 6-4, 6-4 at number one doubles. Marc Swikalus (making his varsity debut) teamed with Jesse Mueller to down Mike Diaz and Eric Szymojko 6-2, 6-2 from the number two doubles slot.

The Brownies will play on Wednesday (presstime) and then again on Friday, as their schedule begins to intensify over the final four weeks of the season.

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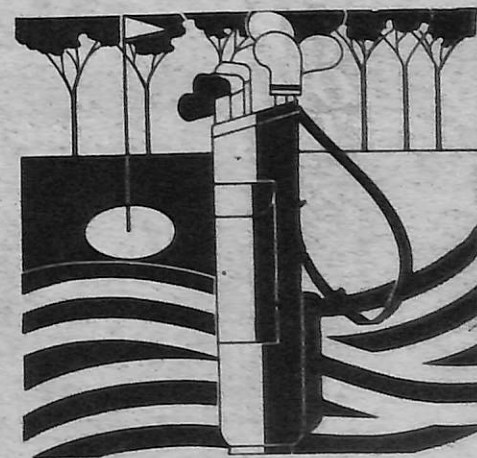
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Despite Comeback, Girls Fall On Track

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High made an outstanding comeback on the oval Tuesday afternoon, but when the cinder track had settled down, Chicopee Comp had won a 73-63 girls' high school track meet in Agawam.

Going into the meet, coach Jeff Reece expected that his team would have some trouble in the Field events. And, he proved to be prophetic. Agawam trailed the meet by the score of 47-7 after the jumping and throwing events.

"It was a shame, too," said Reece. "Rose Pignatare threw the javelin 97 feet and fouled. Had she gotten that throw in the books, she would have had a second place in the Javelin. That could have made a difference, but we just dug ourselves too big of a hole."

To make matters worse, the Brownies fell behind 60-21 after the High Hurdles event, but still managed to come back and nearly capture the meet late in the festivities.

Agawam Takes Eight 1st Places

The Brownies grabbed first place in eight of the 17 events, including sweeping the Mile Run and winning both relays. They also dominated the 880 Yard Run with a first- and second-place finish in that one.

Sheila Martin was a double winner, as she won both the Low and High Hurdles. Sheila ran the

Highs in 18.8 and then came back to capture the 330 Lows in 55.2. "She keeps shaving a little time off every single week," said a happy Reece.

Cindy Sisk ran a 13:52 Two Mile to be the medalist in that event. It was a very exciting finish, as the much taller Comp runner was with Cindy stride for stride down the near straightaway at the finish.

Diane Deluce cruised to an easy win in the One Mile as she hit the tape in 6:10. Addie Dimare grabbed second and qualified for the individuals with the effort.

Nicole DeCosmo won the 440 Yard Dash in 69.4 and was nosed out in the 100 Yard Dash, as she came second in 12.8. Amy Marcotte won the 880 Yard Dash in 2:52.

The Brownies dominated the Relays with a 4 x 100 squad comprised of Nina Giordano, Nikki Sawyer, Carrie Cariti, and Rose Pignatare. The 4 x 400 quartet was Erica Vanderhoof, Sisk, Dimare, and Farrah Lalli.

The Brownies fell to their first defeat of the season but still own a 2-1 record, with the depleted Westfield High Bombers set to make an appearance at Agawam on Friday afternoon.

Following that, the Brownies will hit the road for the first time this season when they head to Minnechaug Regional in Wilbraham.

Agawam Parks Dept. Signing-Up For Men's Over 40 Softball, Adult Tennis

The Agawam Recreation Department's "40" and Over Men's Softball League will be beginning its eighth season and is looking for a few players to fill a few spots on each of its six teams.

Individuals who wish to be placed on a team or who wish to enter a complete team, please contact the department at 786-0400, extension 456 or 467.

To be eligible to play, one must be reaching his "40th" birthday sometime during 1992. All games will be played on Sunday mornings at the Agawam High School. League play will begin on Sunday, May 3rd, 1992.

Managers in the league are David Gallerani, Paul Cavallo, John Higgins, Rich Karam, Roland Entwistle, and Gino Mirolli. Teams from local towns such as Southwick, Westfield, West Springfield, and Suffield are welcome.

If you are interested in playing, report on opening day and be assigned to a team.

The Agawam Tennis Club will have an organizational meeting at Perry Lane Park on Saturday, May 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. Jack Brennan will be available to answer questions. Rudy Altobelli will be giving an instructional clinic for all those interested.

Calling adults and children 16 and over who would like to take part in a summer horse shoe league. An organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. at the Perry Lane Park horse shoe pits, rain or shine.

A Co-Ed Volleyball League program will be held in the evening hours at Perry Lane Park during the summer months. An organizational meeting will be held at the park on Saturday, May 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. A beach sand court for your fun and pleasure is available.

AHS Girls On Rebound After Two Tennis Wins

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' tennis team fought its way to the .500 mark this week and then jumped right over the Mendoza line with road victories at Westfield and Chicopee High Schools. The Brownies stand at 3-2 at presstime.

On Monday afternoon in Chicopee, the Brownies dropped the Colts, 3-2 by gutting out some tough three set wins in the process. Heather Magovern, playing number one singles, downed Carrie Authier, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 in a wild one. Jodie Polep at number two played through an illness to outlast Colleen Hackawicz, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 in what Coach Mary Wolochowicz later called "a courageous performance."

Jessica Liptak dropped a three setter from the third singles hole. She won the first set against Shelby Bergeron but lost the final two. The final score was 6-2, 2-6, 3-6.

Liz Cornwell and Karen Schneider fell in straight sets at first doubles as Dawn Belanger and Holly LaRochelle inflicted the damage, 6-4, 6-4.

The second doubles tandem of Jennifer Touchette and Lynn Moreau, playing together for the first time, picked off an impressive three set victory with a 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1 win over Heather Sabourin and Cherren Hackawicz.

The Westfield meet on Tuesday was just as difficult as Polep was unable to play. Miss Wolochowicz juggled the lineup a bit and the Brownies came through again with a 3-2 victory.

Ironically, both Magovern and Cornwell (Liz stepped up to play number two singles for Polep) were defeated in three sets. Magovern lost to Sheila Willard, 6-4, 1-6, 4-6 and Cornwell fell to Sara Siebel, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6.

But the rest of the cast came through and the Brownies escaped with a big win.

Jessica Liptak won her first varsity match with a resounding straight setter over Amanda Trotter, 6-4, 6-4. "Jessica was really excited and happy afterwards," noted Miss Wolochowicz.

The doubles duo of Kris Alechney and Karen Schneider defeated Sara Brzys (that's right folks, no vowels) and Kim Stroker in three sets, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. And Touchette and Morreau finished off the Bombers, 6-2, 6-0 by croaking Jill Wroblewski and Jihyan Suh.

Miss Wolochowicz looks for some heavy damage in the next week or two as the "iron" of Agawam's schedule, Minnechaug, Amherst, etc., are up next.

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Lung Association Golf Tourney Now Accepting Local Linksters

On Wednesday, May 27th, at 11:30 a.m., over 150 golfers will start play at a shotgun tournament to benefit the American Lung Association of Western Mass.

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BOB JOHNSON'S RED SOX REPORT...

Don't Worry About Bosox Bats

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There are not a lot of teams that could parlay 20 hits, five walks, four errors, a hit by pitch, and a wild pitch into just three runs.

Anybody who watched the Red Sox last Sunday in their double header loss to the Texas Rangers agonized through every inning all day long.

Naturally, the announcers on both television and radio updated the Left On Base statistic endlessly.

There are those that would talk about that statistic as if we should all look over the standings and pick another team to root for this season. "We've been hearing about all these hitters for years. They're a bunch of banjo-hitting bozos who can't hit in the clutch."

I've stood in the middle of arguments such as the one above too many times over the past five or six years. They want to rip Jack Clark, Ellis Burks, Mike Greenwell, and Tom Brunansky the most. Some are already fed up with Phil Plantier and Mo Vaughn.

I'll tell you right now and I'll tell you again all the way through the summer—don't worry about it! There will be a lot of days when you are firing up your hibachi or your Webber or your Gas Grill and you'll be doing the Back Bay Boogie.

Why?

The Red Sox will win games 14-4 and 12-5 and 11-2 and right on down the line. They'll rap doubles all over Fenway Park. They'll take bases loaded walks and drop in bloop singles with the sacks full.

The reason that I know that it will happen is because it happens every season. It happens for the Indians and the Astros and the Padres and every other baseball team.

Witness the two games last year where the Indians absolutely wasted the A's, despite the woeful hitting club that the Tribe usually fields and the deep pitching staff that the A's usually enjoy.

Baseball is a game designed to walk us through the summer comfortably. We decide on a favorite team and a couple of ballplayers that we can live vicariously through. Roger Clemens and Wade Boggs might be a good choice. A pitcher and a hitter.

The Red Sox are another very good choice. With the blazing heat outside and no relief elsewhere, you'll cheer when a John Flaherty windblown fly ball in July reaches the Monster, and cheer just as hard as when Plantier pole axes one into the next time zone.

You'll cheer a Tony Fossas bailout from a bases loaded jam in the eighth, just as intensely as Clemens fanning 17 Royals in a Friday night in Fenway.

Night in and night out, there's a place for the big star and the seldom-used bench player. A guy can dominate a series and then not be heard from again for a month. It's cyclical, this game.

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portunity, you can cash in on it. There's no 24-second clock; no-buzzer-beating slapshots; no official's gun to go off at the end of the half or game.

You get your rips every time. And, Fenway has long had the reputation of late-inning parties that send the fans home jumping.

The scenario in paragraph one dictates that the Red Sox had 30 baserunners in the double header. They wasted opportunity after opportunity. There is no denying that.

But, when the worm turns, the Blue Jays and the Pirates and all the other early-season wonders will experience a period of difficulty similar in

scope. Their fans will grow restless and their tolerance will be tested. It's baseball.

Check your local paper's probable starters tomorrow morning and pick the games that you feel one team should easily win. Jot them down and check the scores the following day.

You'll see results that will make your head spin. And, you can see those results every day until October. Often, it doesn't make any sense; and, if it did, we wouldn't love the game as much as we do.

As far as I'm concerned, I'd rather have the Red Sox rattling hits all over the park and leaving runners than see them getting just three or four hits per game and scoring two runs that way!

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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Spring Turkey Season

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Permits were mailed out April 20th. The first segment of the hunt begins May 4th through 9th, with segment two running from May 11th through 22nd.

The checking stations for turkey in Hampden County are:

* B & G Sporting Goods, 1460 Russell Road, Westfield. Monday to Saturday, 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Jim Cardoza, Turkey Project Leader for the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, is looking forward to a good season. Birds are plentiful and well-dispersed because of the comparatively mild winter.

An estimated 12,500 sportsmen and women will take part in the turkey season at some point. Be sure what you shoot at is a turkey. Never attempt to stalk a turkey or to follow a turkey's call.

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Ramp space has been cut down drastically, and when the trailer spaces are full ... the ramp launching is closed.

This corner thinks it is a bird-brained idea. The people that suffer are the citizens of Southwick, who pay the taxes. However, the shore owners (in a way) have their own private pond while representing a small number of taxpayers.

How it ever passed in town meeting is a mystery. It is strange—all the taxpayers foot the bill for patrolling and enforcing the regulations for the comfort and pleasure of a few.

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Sports A La Carte...

Good For Pats; What Happened To Whale?

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When the Patriots' training camp opens in July, I'm rooting for FREEMAN BAYSINGER. The wide receiver from Humboldt State was the 12th pick by the Patsies, and he does have himself one of those Hall of Fame names.

Seriously though, I look for good things out of their eighth pick—SAM GASH, a running back from Penn State. JOE PATERNO has a history of turning out some pretty good pros from that Nittany Lion program...

I wonder what the Whalers were thinking about when they grabbed that 3-1 lead in Game 5 of the series with Montreal? Well, they didn't get long to think about it anyway, so it doesn't matter...

What's that, CHUCK PERSON? You've got nothing to say?...

The Niners get AMP LEE (via Florida State) and in four years, nobody by the Bay will remember ROGER CRAIG. Amp will fit into that Frisco system beautifully...

Hey folks, don't look now but DENNIS CONNER has Stars and Stripes back in the thick of that Defender's Cup thing as the big battle with America cubed rolls on. I'm on the edge of my seat and I hate those lay days, don't you?...

It won't matter what the weather does in the Motor City if the Bengals don't get into the win column pretty soon. Detroit has yet to pick up a victory in Tiger Stadium this year, as they've started 0-8 (presstime) in their cozy confines.

A full ballpark was once the norm out there, but they don't fill it up quite as much anymore. With ALAN TRAMMEL and LOU WHITAKER slipping more than a little bit, CECIL FIELDER is one of the

lone drawing cards for the franchise that now seems very much in disarray.

Not to worry, BO SCHEMBECHLER will bring them back to respectability. Not this year, though...

There have been years where I felt a little bit embarrassed because of how few of the NFL draftees that I actually knew, despite watching more than my share of college football. Well, I've finally resigned myself to the fact that I am not MEL KUIPER JR. (nor do I aspire to be), and I can enjoy the draft at my own level.

Here's my gut instincts on some of the teams that got my favorite players:

The Browns are gonna love this kid TOMMY VARDELL out of Stanford. He has some of the best balance I've ever seen.

The Packers will not throw back MARK CHMURA, sixth rounder or no sixth rounder. He will catch the eight- to 12-yard pattern, and carry linebackers and DB's for a while once he gets his mitts on it.

CARL PICKENS is a very versatile player out of Tennessee, and he can only help the Bengals, who have always had great receivers.

BUCKY RICHARDSON will be a natural down Texas way, as the former A & M signal caller can add depth to the WARREN MOON run and shoot show in Houston. Moon isn't any spring chicken and he takes some pretty good whacks on that AstroDome turf. Richardson will throw a pass two for Big Blue this year.

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175,000	17,500	87,500	35,000	500,000	1,000	390
200,000	20,000	100,000	40,000	500,000	1,000	416
225,000	22,500	112,500	45,000	500,000	1,000	448
250,000	25,000	125,000	50,000	500,000	1,000	474
275,000	27,500	137,500	55,000	500,000	1,000	493
300,000	30,000	150,000	60,000	500,000	1,000	506
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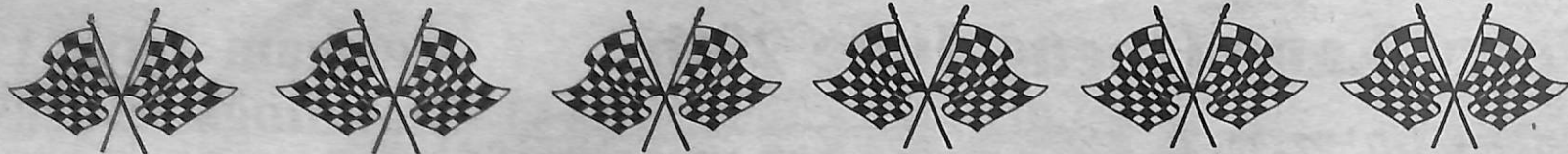
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Dodge, who's noted for his aggressive promotional theories, is going to fire up the competition by running this "bizarre" event to make up for four rain-outs in six events at Riverside.

(This Thursday night "special" brings to mind some of Dodge's other promotional ideas, such as Free Owner and Drivers Pit Fees; having the lowest admission in the country for NASCAR racing; and a program that refunds money if the races run later than 10:45 p.m.)

On Thursday, May 7th, Riverside Park Speedway will run a midweek, five-division special called "I'LL STOP THE RAIN 150"—150 laps of feature-event, NASCAR racing with \$1,200 to win and \$200 to start in the NASCAR Tour Modified 50-lap feature.

This event will feature four-type modifieds with expected drivers such as Northeast Regional Champion Jerry Marquis, Rick Fuller, Bruce D'Alessandro, Larry Moore, Chris Kopec, George Rudinas, Dan Avery, Ed Kennedy, and other top tour drivers.

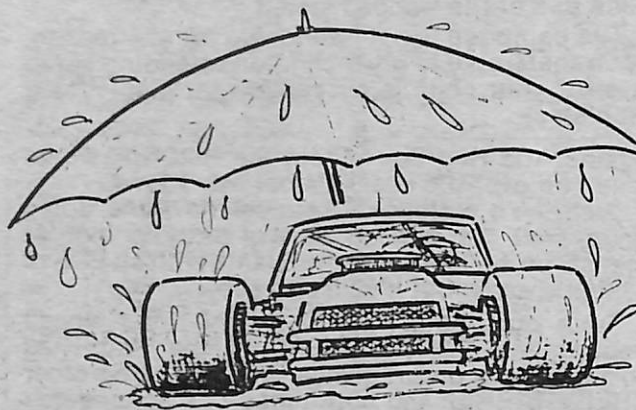
Even though the event will be a NASCAR regional and track point race, they will draw for starting spots in both the heats and feature.

Pro 4 Modifieds will also be in attendance with a 25-lap feature. These four-cylinder Modifieds will draw some 25 cars with drivers like Dan Meservey, Doug Meservey, Renee Dupuis, Joe Le May, and many more. All of them will be in search of \$500 to win and track points.

Division number three is the Pro Stocks. This point division will run 30 laps with a draw for the starting position lineup. It will pay \$650 to win, plus a guarantee of \$100 for any car to start the race.

Expected drivers will include Tony Papale, Ed and Eddie Carroll, Dave Caruso, Ted Hebert, Tom Fearn, Jerry Marquis, Lou Prior, and Scott Bouley. All regulars will receive track points.

Over 50 cars are expected in the Late Model Division that will also draw for starting spots, paying \$300 to win with a guarantee of \$50 to start.



Mike Quintaliano, Al Bisson, Roger Charette, Ted Chalmers, Gary Fiorimonti, Gee Perry, Barry Gray, Chris Woods, Rich Vassaur, Rocky Mazzioto, Doug D'Alessandro, and Gary Pelletier are expected to compete in this event.

Strictly Stocks will run a 25-lap feature with 40 cars expected, paying \$150 to win (\$20 is guaranteed to anyone starting the race). Track points will be given, with starting spots determined by the draw.

This program will start at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and feature 22-plus events. As was stated earlier, this evening will have 150 laps of feature racing in five divisions.

Admission for Riverside's "I'LL STOP THE RAIN 150" is just \$10.99 for adults; \$3 for kids; and season tickets will be honored at this event, no charge.

Still, the best news is that anyone who brings an umbrella and shows it when they buy a Thursday race ticket gets \$1 off any adult or kid ticket. Before the race begins, everyone will be asked to open their "umbrellas" in protest of all the early rain-outs.

If this should happen to be rained-out, it will be run the following Thursday (May 14th) in the same format—one owner and one driver admitted free when they race in this Thursday special.

For more information, call (413) 786-9300, extension 264, or write Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA, 01001.

LaForge Looking For 1992 Title

Fred LaForge of neighboring Windsor Locks has a dream of becoming the 1992 Riverside Speedway Late Model champ.

For some competitors these dreams might just be that - a dream. But for LaForge, the title may be within the grasp of this 22 year-old electronics technician. He already has made his mark in Riverside's tough Late Model Division.

His racing career is now in its third season. And the LaForge team is a lot like several others. As a youngster he worked around the race shop of Ernie Caruso, a noted Modified driver at Riverside during the 1970's.

In 1989, with the help of family and friends, LaForge built his first Late Model racer. His rookie season was considered below average as he finished 23rd in points, but then, for the 1991 season, LaForge built a new 1985 SS-Monti Carlo.

And it was during the 1991 winter that LaForge spent his time designing and building a car that would take him to victory lane at Riverside. The new car was not only a frontrunner but a real first class racer. The bright yellow number four LaForge car visited victory lane for LaForge on June 23, 1991. And by the time the season ended, he followed with three more victories and a second place finish in the overall point standings.

Has Rebuilt His Car For 1992

For the current race season, LaForge again rebuilt in number four Monti Carlo Late Model. A three-point rear suspension was added with all new body panels. And with the help of friends Dave Marquis, Mike Sartori, and Dino Polach, the LaForge race team is ready for the 1992 title chase.

LaForge gives a lot of credit to his sponsors, including Pup Tent, ABL Paving, Tri State Diesel, Jim Gavin Diesel, and Pete's Radiator Repair.

When asked who he believes would be the toughest competitors during the 1992 race season at Riverside, LaForge mentioned Roger Charette, Dan Lavole, John Johnson, Mike Quintaliano, Todd Anderson, and Al Bisson.

Watch for Fred LaForge every Saturday night at Riverside Speedway. Foul weather in the early spring continues to plague the Saturday night races. But once the warm weather arrives, LaForge and his colleagues will be roaring around New England's most popular quarter-mile track.

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Registration forms will be available in the Parks and Recreation Office, daily Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning Monday, April 27th. Only a parent or legal guardian may sign the camp forms. Registration will be taken until the camp has reached its maximum. An eight-week program will be offered along with four two-week programs.

Eight-week session: June 29th through August 21st, 1992. Cost: \$300 with bus transportation; \$200, without.

Two-week session: June 29th through July 10th, 1992; July 13th through July 24th, 1992; July 27th through August 7th, 1992; August 10th through August 21st. Cost: \$75 per session with bus transportation; \$50 per session without transportation.

Camp will run rain or shine. We will only cancel camp if there is a severe weather situation. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS (1450 A.M. or 94.7 F.M.). If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456 or 467. This program is NOT a built-in babysitting service. If an unforeseen problem does arise, the camp will close immediately for the health and safety of campers and staff.

Your child will have to bring his/her lunch. There will be no snack bar available, so please send your child with a nourishing lunch and drink so that he/she will have enough energy for the full day. We suggest the lunch be placed in a small cooler or lunch box with a freezer pack to keep everything cool rather than a paper bag.

Please send your child with a swim suit and towel every day as the pool will be used on a regular basis. Camp will follow a daily schedule of activities. Each and every camper will be expected to participate in the scheduled activities which will include swim lessons, arts/crafts, fishing, archery, sports camps, games, and complete use of the wooded area.

The camp fee is not refundable for any reason, nor transferable to other children attending camp (even if your child is suspended for disciplinary problems).

A LA CARTE - from Page 50...

STEVE EMTMAN is probably going to wish that he'd stayed at school back at Washington U, rather than travelling with those stumblebumps from Indianapolis this year. But, good franchises become better franchises when they get solid young players. The Colts saw some promise in signal caller JEFF GEORGE a year ago, and Emtman may be the guy to add a little of the same stability to the defense. We'll see.

And, one more guy that I'm rooting for this year will be MUHAMMED SHAMSID-DEEN, a running back out of Tennessee-Chattanooga who was an eighth-round pick for Seattle. I just want to see if the graphics and character generator can handle it on the screen every time he gets a long gainer...

Remember how many times over the years that BILLY SWIFT was announced as "the pride of Maine" whenever he pitched for the Mariners

against the Red Sox? Then, the Red Sox would rake him over the coals almost every time.

Well, he's a National Leaguer now and doing quite well for himself in the early going. At presstime, he is 4-0 with the Giants with an ERA of 1.10. It's early, but it's nice to see...

From our "Your Kind of Help I Don't Need" Department: RANDY MYERS of the Pads has come on to mop up games for GREG (the other GREG) HARRIS, and both times has squandered four-run leads for his teammate. Nice touch, eh?...

Barcelona is atop the European Division of the World League with a 4-1 record, and yet they have only outscored their opponents 57-55. They must be involved in a tight one or two, huh?...

Does anybody remember when tennis star ILIE NASTASE got his American Express card stolen and didn't report the loss? This was his reasoning: "Whoever stole it is spending less than my wife."...

Agawam Little League Standings As Of 4/25

MAJOR DIVISION

Almac Braves	2	0
Mushy's Yankees	2	0
Unique Storage Royals	2	0
Hastie Fence Athletics	1	1
Feeding Hills Getty Indians	1	1
Rollaway Mets	1	1
Village Restaurant Giants	1	1
Take-Five Restaurant Red Sox	0	2
Soda City Dodgers	0	2
Agawam Police Assoc. Orioles	0	2

CHIBA - From Page 50...

The book consists of three parts, beginning with the early producers of powder and bullets, then moving on to the major gunmakers—Colt, Winchester, Remington, Sharps, Marlin, Smith & Wesson, and Browning.

And finally, the innovators (11 in number) who used their knowledge and love of guns to produce great new ideas—men like Dan Lefever, Charlie Parker, Bill Ruger, Roy Weatherby, Charles Newton, Ken Jarrett, and Chet Brown.

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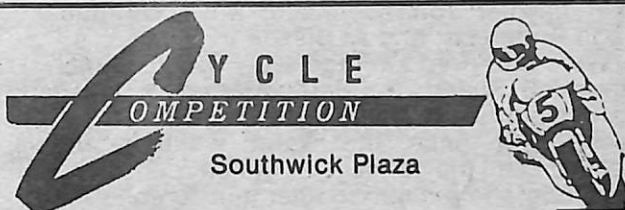
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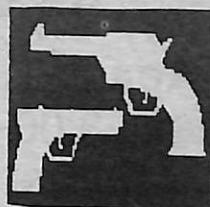
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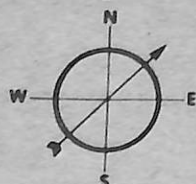
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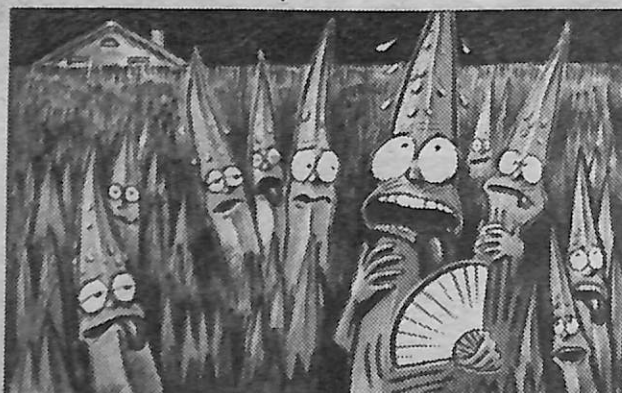
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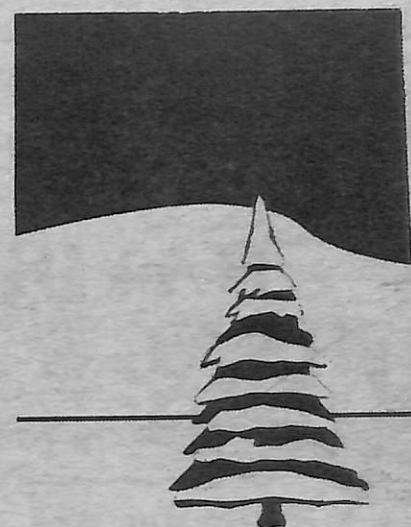
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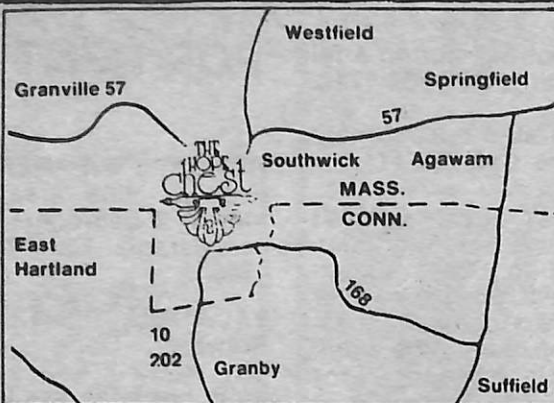
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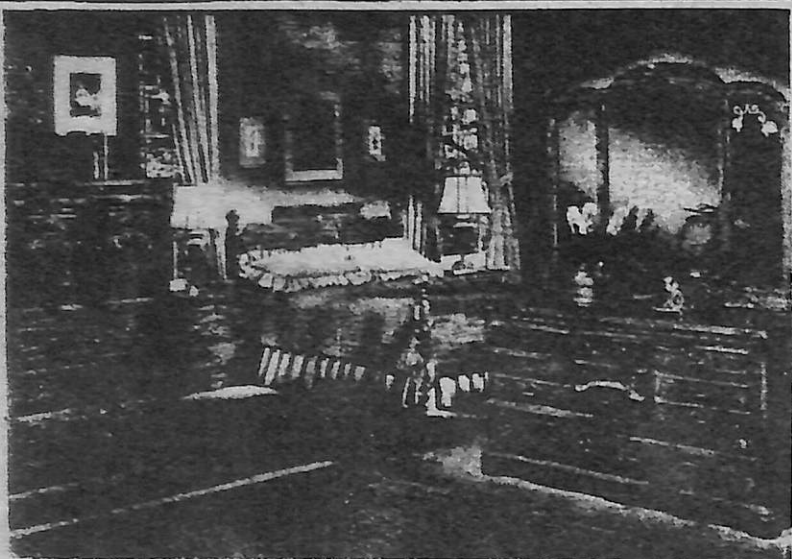
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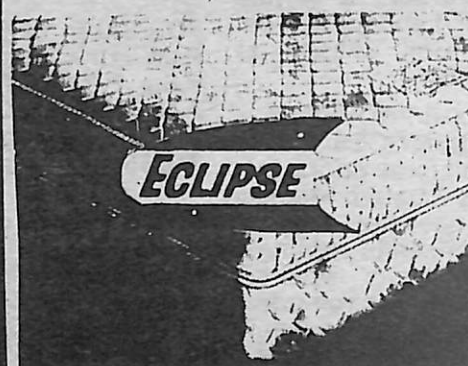


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